

Saved to Call



Mark 10:46-52

Sermon in a Sentence:

“As servants of Christ, we must bring others to Jesus!”

Mark 8:27-30

27: “And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” 28 And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” 29 And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.”

Mark 8:31-33

31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Further Study on the life of the disciples:

Mark 1:27

Mark 4:41

Mark 6:51-52

Mark 8:14-21

Mark 9:30-32

46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 51 “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” 52 “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. (Mark 10:46-52)

1. There Are Hurting People All Around Us

46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and **his disciples**, together **with a large crowd**, were leaving the city, **a blind man, Bartimaeus** (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside **begging**.

- He’s passing through Jericho on the way to Jerusalem heading toward the cross.
- Large Crowd: 1. Following Jesus and His ministry 2. Heading to Jerusalem for Passover

- Bartimaeus is blind and a beggar!
- Jews saw blindness as a punishment from God for sins committed by this man or a generational sin, meaning from his family. They believed that his parents had sinned and caused this blindness on him (John 9:2).
- Bartimaeus is left on the street corner because to the outside world he's poor, he's blind as a result of some sort of sin. He's an outcast! He's no good for nothing in the eyes of the people!

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- Bartimaeus knows the true identity of Jesus!
- “Son of David” is a Messianic Title. (2 Samuel 7:12-17)

48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

- A man who desperately needs to come to Jesus. Is told to be quiet. By people who are following Jesus.
- The disciples were included in this rebuking of Bartimaeus.

2. Stop and Ask, How Can I Help?

49 Jesus stopped and said, “**Call him.**” So **they called to the blind man**, “Cheer up! On your feet! **He’s calling you.**” 50 **Throwing his cloak aside**, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

- Jesus stops, turns to the people who have been yelling for this man to be quiet. He tells them to go get him and bring him to me.
- The disciples have to participate in Bartimaeus’ healing and coming to faith.

- Jesus has saved us to call people to Him. Jesus has saved us to bring others to the saving knowledge of salvation.
- Each of us, in our daily lives, where we live, work and play are walking the streets of Jericho with Bartimaeus' all around us.

How Do We Call People to Jesus?

1. Listen

- As those commissioned by Jesus into the world we have to stop and listen.
- There are people all around us who are dying to share with someone that will listen to them about what they're struggling with

2. Ask Questions

- How's your family (kid's) doing? What sports are they playing at the moment?
- What's your family's plans for Halloween? What are the kids dressing up as?
- Thanksgiving is coming up, what's your plans? What's your favorite dish that you make? Can you share the recipe?
- Is there anything I can do today to help you today?

1. If you were to die today, on a scale from 1-10, how sure are you that you would go to heaven?. 1 being not certain and 10 being absolutely certain.
2. If you stood before God and He asked you why He should let you into His Kingdom, what would you say?
 - When you listen and ask questions you're really practicing discipleship. You're becoming more and more like Jesus!

50 **Throwing his cloak aside**, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

- Bartimaeus' cloak is his only possession.
- It was something that not a lot of beggars owned, and yet he cast it away.
- It was how he received money as people walked by on the streets.

All that he owns and all that he has been given throughout the day he forsakes to run and pursue Jesus. He leaves it all behind.

- Are we that in love with Jesus?
- Would we forsake all that we know and love to follow the one who heals and gives eternal life?
- Do we have the faith of Bartimaeus?

3. Expect the Unexpected: even the most unworthy can be changed by grace

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- Jesus heals him physically and spiritually
- By following Jesus along the way Bartimaeus becomes a part of the crowd that had rejected him, rebuked him and told him to be quiet!

Who are the Bartimaeus' of your life?

Who have you told to be quiet because they don't belong?

Who is God leading you to “call to Him”?

What's one practical step you can make this week in pursuing your Bartimaeus?