

DIVINE ENCOUNTER

What is a divine encounter?

Divine Encounter – something planned out in Heaven that is played out here on earth

An encounter with God should not only excite you but should change you forever!

Another definition – a supernatural, personal experience where you encounter His presence, power, voice of God, resulting in life transformation, deep conviction, and divine direction in life

This is what I'm believing for today- A moment where Heaven and earth intersect, leaving everyone here deeply changed and in awe of God!

Mark 10:46-52 NKJV Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸ Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹ So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.

Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."

⁵⁰ And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

The blind man said to Him, ^[f]"Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has ^[g]made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Hear me today – whether believer or sinner and you need God to break in on your life, at any moment you may encounter His glorious presence and turn everything around!

In this passage it was Passover time and Jericho would have had roughly 20,000 priests making this 17 mile journey, plus the disciples and the great multitude following Jesus would have been on this road

Everyone could feel the energy. Isn't it amazing how closely we follow Jesus when we expect to see Him do something?

v. 46

when you think of a Divine Encounter you have to know timing is everything

Bartimaeus was disabled by blindness and survived by begging. Just so happens, his begging spot was on the same road as the Miracle Worker was traveling that day. Perfect timing and placement!

Blind Bart's appointment for his Divine Encounter with Jesus was in perfect placement and timing that would change His life

Are you here today out of coincidence or Divine appointment? It matters

v. 47

God give us ears to distinguish your voice above all other voices

His plan was when I hear Jesus getting close I'll call out to Him. Sure enough, the timing was perfect and it just so happens Jesus was passing right in front of Bartimaeus begging spot!

Today you might be here and you have been blinded by God's love, sacrifice, and power to change you, but I pray you will hear God's voice in this service and His Spirit is filling this place!

v. 48,49

Bartimaeus immediately faced resistance and was told to be quiet, but in realizing this was his moment, he cried out in greater desperation!

Luke 11:9,10 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

He was conscious of his need and fully realized this was his opportunity to be healed. He positioned himself for the miraculous and out of all the voices in the multitude, Jesus heard only Bartimaeus' voice!

v. 49

The one you're calling out to is now calling for you! Wow, that makes you want to run and shout!

Jesus was actually calling him into a Divine Encounter!

v. 50-52

He threw aside his garment which was his only possession to keep him warm and mark his spot to beg for alms

Throwing this aside was signifying throwing off poverty, disability, disappointment, rejection for a miracle

To have a Divine Encounter it will require you to lay aside what's keeping you where you are to follow Jesus!

That will make all the difference. I will end this like this after Bartimaeus' Divine Encounter with Jesus the road he once begged on he now followed Jesus on!

Everything changed! (**Papers on chairs)