

# It's a Miracle

## Pt. 3 - Receiving My Miracle

### The Miracles of Bartimaeus and the Invalid:

**Similarity #1:** Both men had a need.

**Similarity #2:** Both men had a plan.

**Difference #1:** Bartimaeus was doing everything he could; the invalid was doing nothing.

*Mk. 10:46* "As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus... was sitting by the roadside begging."

**Difference #2:** Bartimaeus was Jesus focused; the invalid was excuse focused.

*Mk. 10:47* "When Bartimaeus heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>48</sup>Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'"

*Jn. 5:6* "When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, He asked him, 'Do you want to get well?' <sup>7</sup>'Sir,' the invalid replied, 'I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.'"

**Difference #3:** Bartimaeus was hopeful; the invalid was hopeless.

*Mk. 10:49* "Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.' So they called to the blind man, 'Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.' <sup>50</sup>Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him. The blind man said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.'"

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**Difference #4:** Bartimaeus came to Jesus; Jesus came to the invalid.

*Mk. 10:50* "Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus."

**Similarity #3:** Both men had an encounter with Jesus.

**Difference #5:** Bartimaeus was a believer; the invalid didn't even ask who Jesus was.

**Difference #6:** Bartimaeus knew what he wanted - healing; the invalid didn't even know what he needed.

*Mk. 10:51* "What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him Bartimaeus said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.'"

Jn. 5:6 *“Do you want to get well?”<sup>7</sup> ‘Sir,’ the invalid replied, ‘I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.’”*

**Similarity #4:** Both men received a miracle.

**Difference #7:** Bartimaeus was healed because of his faith; the invalid was healed because of Jesus’ compassion.

*Mk. 10:52 “Go,’ said Jesus, ‘your faith has healed you.’”*

*Jn. 5:8 “...Jesus said to him, ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.’<sup>9</sup> At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.”*

**Difference #8:** Bartimaeus was healed because of his faith in Jesus; the invalid had faith in Jesus because he was healed.

*Heb. 11:6 “...without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”*

*Jn. 5:9 “The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,<sup>10</sup> and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, ‘It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.’<sup>11</sup> But he replied, ‘The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’<sup>12</sup> So they asked him, ‘Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?’<sup>13</sup> The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.”*

*Mk. 10:14 “Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, ‘See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.’<sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.”*

**Similarity #5:** Both men had a Savior.

**The Lesson from Bartimaeus:** Run to Jesus.

**The Lesson from the Invalid:** Mercy is God’s response to misery.

**Key Lesson:** Jesus runs to me.