

Healing

Physical Healing

The Miracles of Bartimaeus and the Invalid:

Both men had a need.

Both men had a plan.

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."

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!' ⁴⁸Many 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?' ⁷'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.'"

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.' ⁵⁰Throwing 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.'"

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Bartimaeus came to Jesus; Jesus came to the invalid.

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Both men had an encounter with Jesus.

Bartimaeus was a believer; the invalid didn't even ask who Jesus was.

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 Bartimeaus said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.'"

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Both men received a miracle.

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.’⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.”

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,¹⁰ and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, ‘It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.’¹¹ But he replied, ‘The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’¹² So they asked him, ‘Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?’¹³ 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.’¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.”

Both men had a Savior.

The Lesson from Bartimaeus: Run to Jesus.

The Lesson from the Invalid: Mercy is available for me.