

THE GLORIOUS MERCY OF JESUS (Mk.10:46-52)
January 26, 2025

TEXT—Mark 10:46-52

MAIN IDEA—God's mercy is a glorious gift to undeserving people who look to Christ alone.

MEMORY VERSES—Lam.3:21-23

THE CRY OF FAITH (Mk.10:46-48)—One day Bartimaeus, a blind beggar heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby. This news led Bartimaeus to cry out to Jesus for help. Through his persistent plea for help we see genuine faith in Jesus Christ.

*Jericho was a city located about 15 miles NE of Jerusalem and 5 miles from the Jordan River. There seems to have been 2 'Jerichos' a mile apart: the ruins of the OT city Jericho Joshua conquered and the NT Jericho built by Herod. This encounter may have happened as Jesus left the old city and entered the new one.

John 9:1-3

V47—Though Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by he shouted as loud as he could to Jesus based on who he believed Jesus to be (the Son of David). 'Son of David' is a messianic title and the common title used in the Gospels to affirm belief in Jesus as the Messiah and King.

Mt.1:1; 9:27; 15:22; Rev.22:16

Rom.10:9-10, 13

Luke 18:9-14; Heb.11:6

V48—The crowd told him to shut up, but Bartimaeus only got louder. Bartimaeus proved the genuineness of his faith by persisting in his cry for mercy.

Lk.18:1-8.

***Can you identify with Bartimaeus? *Can you see your continual need for God's mercy?
*Can you see that Jesus is the only ONE that can give the divine mercy you need? Are
you showing faith in Jesus by persisting in prayer?**

THE MERCY OF JESUS (Mk.10:49-52)—While the Lord's primary focus was on going to Jerusalem to lay His life down as a ransom for many (Mk.10:45). Jesus took time to serve Bartimaeus by sending someone to get him. This is a beautiful picture of God's glorious mercy on behalf of those who trust in Christ alone.

V49-50—Jesus stopped and made those who earlier passed Bartimaeus by, make time to bring him.

*Jesus' public ministry was marked by making time to minister to suffering people in the midst of crowds (i.e. the woman w the issue of blood-**Mk.5:30**; the woman at the well-**Jn.4**; Zaccheus-**Lk.19**).

Mt. 11:28-30

V51—Jesus mercifully welcomes Bartimaeus to ask for what he desires the Lord to do for him. This contrasts the disciples who received the same question but only wanted self-glory (**Mk.10:36-37**). Bartimaeus acknowledged Jesus as his Master and cried out to Him for the thing that would restore his life (i.e. his sight). By regaining sight he would be able to work and interact with society beyond begging.

Eph.2:8-9

Jn.10:14-16, 27-30

Heb.4:16

Christ died on the cross, paying for our sins and satisfying God's justice against sin for all who come to Him by faith. Mercy and grace are available for the needy who draw near to Christ.