



Sermon Title: "Seeking the Wrong Jesus"

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

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INTRODUCTION

Luke 23:8; John 6:26

Note: Motive matters in coming to Jesus.

I. THE BLIND MAN WHO SAW THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS

A. The Personal, Mysterious Introduction (Mark 10:46)

B. The Prophetic, Messianic Identification (Mark 10:47a)

Note: In the Gospel of Mark, only Bartimaeus and Jesus will use the Messianic title "Son of David".

C. The Passionate, Mercy-Seeking Exclamation (Mark 10:47b)

Ephesians 2:4a; Titus 3:5a; Romans 10:11-13

D. The Persistent, Marvelous Determination (Mark 10:48-50)

Matthew 11:12; Matthew 5:3-6

E. The Precise, Meaningful Conversation (Mark 10:51)

Note: By God asking us to come to Him, to pray to Him, and to specifically confess our need for Him, it does several things: 1) It cultivates relationship. 2) It humbles us. 3) It expresses our faith, our trust, and our confidence in God.

F. The Powerful, Monumental Transformation (Mark 10:52)

Instructive Irony #1 - Jesus' command and Bartimaeus' decision to follow Jesus!

Instructive Irony #2 - Faith and faith's object (faith's focus, faith's focal point, faith's target).

Instructive Irony #3 - The connection and tension between YOU (the reader) and Bartimaeus.

Closing Question: Can you, in any way, relate to Bartimaeus' desperate desire for Jesus? Or, to ask the question another way, do you understand and see YOUR GREAT NEED for Jesus?

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why do you think Mark records Bartimaeus' name and the name of his father?
2. How does Bartimaeus respond when he hears that Jesus is coming? What specifically does Bartimaeus say about Jesus? What does this reveal about his faith and understanding?
3. How does Jesus answer Bartimaeus' cry? What does this reveal about Jesus?
4. Why does Jesus ask Bartimaeus what he wants? Isn't it obvious?
5. How does Bartimaeus respond to being healed by Jesus? What does he do?
6. Like Bartimaeus, do you sense your great need for Jesus? What do you want Jesus to do for you?