

Reflection Questions: When have I called upon God for mercy? Do I need to do this more frequently? Do I truly realize the pitiful condition I have naturally? When have I hindered people from coming to Jesus? What can I do to make it easier for people to come to Jesus? Who have I showed mercy to this week?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



Blind Bart

Sermon
Notes

December 31, 2023

1. The Sinner's Plea (46-48)

Quotes to Ponder

You called, You cried, You shattered my deafness, You sparkled, You blazed, You drove away my blindness, You shed Your fragrance, and I drew in my breath, and I pant for You.

Augustine

You will never pray a prayer of need to your Messiah that He will receive as an interruption.

Paul David Tripp

What a great God we have! Not only does he redeem us through the ignominious crucifixion of his much-loved Son, but he sends us his Spirit to enable us to understand what he has done. So obtuse and blind are we that we would not have begun to grasp "what God has freely given us" unless God had taken this additional step.

D.A. Carson

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

John Newton

The kingdom of heaven is not for the well-meaning but for the desperate.

James R. Edwards

2. The Savior's Power (49-52)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you resolve them?

Matthew 20:29-34 —

Mark 10:46-52

Luke 18:35-43 —

3. What would it be like to be enslaved in the darkness of night and of sin then be suddenly free from both? Have you experienced this?

4. Compare and contrast James and John (*Mark 10:35-40*) and Bartimaeus (*Mark 10:46-52*).

5. Compare and contrast the rich young ruler (*Mark 10:17-22*) and Bartimaeus (*Mark 10:46-52*).

6. Bartimaeus calls Jesus *Son of David*. What do the following Scriptures tell us about Jesus coming in the line of David?

2 Samuel 7:12-17 —

Jeremiah 23:5-6 —

Psalms 89:3-4 —

Ezekiel 34:23-24 —

Isaiah 11:1-10 —

Mark 11:10 —

7. Bartimaeus cries out for *mercy* (*Mark 10:48-49*). According to the following verses, why do we need God's mercy?

Jeremiah 17:9 —

Romans 6:23 —

John 3:36 —

Ephesians 5:5-6 —

Romans 1:18-19 —

Colossians 3:5-6 —

8. Why would *many* try to quiet Bartimaeus and keep him from Jesus (*Mark 10:48*)?

Do you think the disciples were part of this group? Why or why not?

9. Why does Jesus ask what seems like a pointless question in *Mark 10:51*?

10. How did Bartimaeus portray true faith (*Mark 10:52*)?

11. What does *Hebrews 11:6* teach about faith?

12. What does the phrase *made you well* mean (*Mark 10:52*)? If possible, look up the word and its uses and translation in other Scriptures.

13. *Mark 10:52* tells us Bartimaeus *began following Jesus on the road*. What does this mean?

14. The Bible often depicts our lost condition as *blindness*. In what ways is this a good description of our condition?