

Faith that Will Make you Well

Text: Mark 10:46-52

Context - Mark's use of the blind throughout his Gospel is a key to interpreting his message. He is showing us how the disciples slowly begin to see - and for the reader - there is an developing clarity of Jesus as the messiah and king and savior of all.

When Jesus previously dealt with a blind man (8:22–26), it raised the hope that his disciples would understand him properly. Now, just before arriving in Jerusalem, he makes this blind man see, so perhaps the disciples too will soon understand the full truth about Jesus. (David Gunderson)

To be made well through faith...

1. _____ out for mercy (vs. 46-47)

- A. Like the dependent children who received a blessing from Jesus in Mark 10:13-16, Bartimaeus cries out for mercy and receives it (vv. 47–48).
- B. Romans 10:13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

2. _____ His calling (vs. 48-49)

- A. When Jesus calls him, Bartimaeus gets up and leaves everything he has, even his cloak—just like the disciples had done at the beginning when they left their nets and tax booth (Mark 1:16–20; 2:13–17).
- B. The man's zeal and readiness are exactly what Jesus expects from anyone who wants to be his disciple (Mark 8:34–38).

3. _____ to Jesus (vs. 50-52)

- A. your faith has made you well. Lit. “saved you.” Bartimaeus' physical and spiritual eyes were likely opened at the same time. (John MacArthur)
- B. Once Bartimaeus trusted Jesus, he followed Jesus (Mark 10:50)—toward the cross and into the eternal life of the kingdom (v. 52). He joined in with the disciples and followed Jesus towards Jerusalem.