

Lord, Open Our Eyes: Seeing Jesus More Clearly

Mark 10:46-52

Introduction:

- A. "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." (Helen Keller)
- B. Have you ever failed to see what was right before your eyes?
- C. Maybe for some, we need to have our eyes opened so we may see Jesus more clearly.

Bartimaeus' Need (v. 46)

- A. Bartimaeus was a blind beggar who had to rely on the generosity of others.
- B. The blind were often viewed as a lower class of people (Jn. 9:1-2).
- C. Bartimaeus is lying by the road realizing he is in need of great help.

Bartimaeus' Vision (vs. 47-48)

- A. Bartimaeus saw Jesus for who He really was.
- B. Bartimaeus saw himself for who he really was (Jam. 4:6).
- C. Those in the crowd failed to see Jesus clearly. They told Bartimaeus to be quiet (Lk. 4:18-19).

Bartimaeus' Reaction (49-51)

- A. Bartimaeus throws his cloak aside, jumps to his feet and runs to Jesus.
- B. He approaches Jesus expecting his life to change.
- C. Bartimaeus wanted Jesus to do for him what he could not do for himself.

Bartimaeus' Response (v. 52)

- A. Bartimaeus was healed of his blindness because his faith produced action (Jam. 2:24).
- B. Immediately after his healing he began following Jesus and praising God.
- C. When a person sees Jesus clearly, their lives do change.

Conclusion:

- A. Bartimaeus teaches us that we need to open our eyes and see Jesus more clearly.
- B. This morning, how would we answer the question from Jesus, "What do you want me to do for you?"
- C. Whatever it is, like Bartimaeus, let's drop whatever is in our way and run to Jesus for a life change.