

TITLE AND NUMBER: 51. What would you like Jesus to do for you?

REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Mark 10: 46-52

'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him. The blind man said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.' 'Go,' said Jesus, 'your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

LOOKING FURTHER: Matthew 7:7-12, 20:29-34, Luke 18:35-43, Hebrews 11:6



What does this Bible passage tell us?

Unable to earn a living because he was blind, Bartimaeus could only sit by the roadside and beg. Many people would have passed him by and ignored him.

However, as Bartimaeus sat by the road, he heard the crowd nearby saying that Jesus was right there in Jericho! Somehow Bartimaeus 'saw' what nearly everyone else couldn't see - that Jesus was someone very special: the Messiah, the one chosen and sent by God to save His people. Bartimaeus shouted out to Jesus, trusting that above the noise of the crowd He would hear him. The crowd told him to shut up, Jesus wouldn't be interested in a blind beggar, but Bartimaeus continued to call out to Jesus because he knew that the crowd was wrong. He was just the sort of person Jesus had come for, people the rest of the world ignored and thought worthless and unlovable.

Jesus called Bartimaeus over and asked what he wanted of Him. Jesus must have known what Bartimaeus would ask for, but He wanted to hear it from him. Bartimaeus could have asked for food or money. But his faith in Jesus was bigger than that and he asked to be able to see again. Jesus told Bartimaeus that his faith had healed him and immediately he could see. Did you notice that when Bartimaeus went over to Jesus he left his cloak behind? A cloak was a very valuable item. Maybe he understood that meeting Jesus would mean a new way of life for him and he had no more need for his possessions or his previous way of life. Jesus would give him something far more valuable – acceptance, love, worth, value. God rewards those who earnestly seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

Reflections:

- Do you have something that you would like God to do for you? Ask Him for just what you need. Sometimes your prayer might be answered straightaway, sometimes you might have to wait. But have faith that He will have heard you.
- Have you ever thought that Jesus wouldn't be interested in someone like you? Know that Jesus does indeed love you and then pray for your faith to be strengthened.
- Seek God everyday through prayer and reading the Bible. Find others who believe so that you can encourage and support each other.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.

BARTIMAEUS



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

