



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark

PART 40 - 10:46-52

From Beside the Road to On the Way

READ: Mark 10:45–52 AND Isaiah 35:4–6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Bartimaeus is described as sitting “beside the road.” In what ways can people today find themselves close to Jesus, but not actually following Him?
- 2) Isaiah 35 describes what the Messiah would do when He came. How does Bartimaeus’ cry show that he trusted Scripture even before he experienced healing?
- 3) Why do you think Mark makes such a point of naming Bartimaeus instead of leaving him anonymous like Luke and Matthew did? How does that affect the way you hear the story?
- 4) Pastor G said, “Bartimaeus couldn’t follow Jesus unless mercy changed his life—unless he moved from beside the way to being on the way.” What does that look like practically in a modern Christian life?

Faith That Refuses to Be Silent

READ: Mark 10:47–48 AND Romans 10:17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Bartimaeus responds to opposition by crying out even louder. Why do you think pressure and resistance often reveal the depth of a person’s faith?
- 2) The crowd tried to silence Bartimaeus. Where do you see voices today—cultural, religious, or personal—that try to quiet bold faith?
- 3) Romans says faith comes by hearing. How does this story challenge the idea that faith must always be private or quiet?
- 4) Pastor G said, “The crowd wasn’t trying to silence Bartimaeus’ pain, but his confession.” Do you agree with that? Why or why not?

When Jesus Stops

READ: Mark 10:49–50 AND Psalm 34:17–18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Jesus is moving steadily toward Jerusalem, yet He stops for one blind beggar. What does that tell us about the heart of Jesus?
- 2) The same crowd that rebuked Bartimaeus is now told to help him. Why do you think Jesus involves people who were previously part of the problem?
- 3) Bartimaeus throws aside his cloak and moves toward Jesus immediately. What “cloak” might represent security or identity in your own life?
- 4) Pastor G said, “Faith throws off what it’s been clinging to and moves toward the voice of Jesus.” What makes that easy—or hard—for you personally?

Saved, Healed, and Set on a New Path

READ: Mark 10:51–52 AND Luke 19:9–10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Jesus tells Bartimaeus, “Your faith has made you well.” Why do you think Jesus ties healing so directly to faith rather than effort or worthiness?
- 2) Bartimaeus doesn’t just receive sight—he follows Jesus on the road. Why is following such an important part of the miracle?

3) Luke connects salvation with restoration and new direction. How do healing and discipleship belong together in the Christian life?

4) Pastor G said, "Bartimaeus didn't just receive sight; he chose a direction." What direction do you sense Jesus inviting you to take right now?