

**“THE BLIND WILL SEE”**

Mark 10:46-52



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- In Mark we read one gospel writer’s account of Jesus healing a blind man, who we identify as Bartimaeus. A patronymic turned into a proper name.
- This same story is also recorded by the other synoptic gospel writers.
  - Matt. 20:29-34
  - Luke 18:35-43



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- Answering synoptic variations of the story with plausible explanations.
  - Mark and Luke mention one blind man, while Matthew says there were two.
    - The failure to mention a second blind man by Mark and Luke does not invalidate the story. They just mention the man who people would recognize.



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- Answering synoptic variations of the story with plausible explanations.
  - Mark and Luke infer that Jesus is entering Jericho when the healing took place while Matthew indicates Jesus was leaving the city when the healing happened. Two possible explanations.
    - Going and coming belief
    - The two Jerichos.



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- This blind man saw what we need to see.
- **He saw Jesus as the Messiah**
  - He had obviously heard about Jesus of Nazareth and the reports of his exploits.
  - When he cries out, he uses the Messianic designation common to the Jews. (Son of David)
    - This alluded to his character, power, and authority.  
Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 4:18-19.



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- This blind man saw what we need to see.
- **He saw Jesus as his hope**
  - He was a blind beggar.
  - He knew what the scriptures said about the holy one of God that was coming some day.
    - Isaiah 42:7
    - Same as John the Baptist in Matt. 11:2-5



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- This blind man saw what we need to see.
- **He saw Jesus as his guide**
  - He called him Rabbi (teacher)
  - The reference to this man by name in Mark would indicate that he was well known to Christians and most likely a disciple at that time. His miracle served as a monument to the Lord’s church.
  - When he was told to “go your way” he opted for going Jesus’s way.

