



Sunday 12th March 2023

**Bartimaeus – the blind beggar who could see his Saviour
(Mark 10:46-52)**


Receiving mercy from Jesus (v.46-48)

A photograph of a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a brown robe, sitting on the ground. He is looking upwards with his hands raised, as if calling out to someone. The background shows a dry, outdoor setting with some trees and a stone wall.

Seeing Jesus is believing (v.49-51)

A close-up photograph of a man's face. He has a grey beard and long hair, and is looking slightly to the right with a focused and hopeful expression. He is wearing a brown garment.

Following Jesus along the road (v.52)

A photograph showing a group of men walking along a dirt road. In the foreground, a man with a beard and long hair (likely Jesus) is reaching out with his hand towards another man. Other men are following them, some looking towards the man in the foreground. They are all wearing simple, earth-toned clothing.

Questions for study and reflection this week

How does the Bible describe Jesus as our Saviour? Why is this such a dominant way of expressing who Jesus is?

Receiving mercy from Jesus (v.46-48)

What did James and John want from Jesus (see v.36-37)?

How does this contrast with what Bartimaeus called out to Jesus for (v.47)?

In calling Jesus “Son of David” what was Bartimaeus recognising about him?

Why do we need mercy from God, and how does Jesus provide it?

How might we be presumptuous, like James and John, in wanting glory from Jesus more than mercy?

Seeing Jesus is believing (v.49-51)

Read Isaiah 61:1-2

What did Jesus’ healing of people in the Gospels reveal about his identity?

What does the healing of blind people signify?

In what way could Bartimaeus already ‘see’ Jesus?

When did you first ‘see’ who Jesus is? What will help us to see him even more clearly, that we may grow in our faith?

Why are some people spiritually blind? Pray for God to open the eyes of our unbelieving family & friends.

Following Jesus along the road (v.52)

What did Bartimaeus leave behind in following Jesus? Where did following Jesus lead him?

What does it mean for us to “take up our cross and follow Jesus?”