"GO, YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU!"

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Key verse in the Gospel of Mark: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

Mark 10:46-52 - Jesus meets a blind beggar named Bartimaeus on His way to Jerusalem.

Mark's Gospel: A Word and a Phrase:

"Immediately:"

- To emphasize the urgency of Jesus' mission
- To emphasize the urgency of our response to Jesus' message and mission

"**On the Way:"**

- Jesus asked, "Who do men say that I am?" (8:27)
- The disciples argued about who was the greatest (9:34)
- Jesus encounters the rich young ruler (10:17)

THE SETTING:

1. ON THE WAY (along the roadside) to the Feast of Passover, between Jericho and Jerusalem
2. According to the Law of Moses, Hebrew men were required to go to three feasts each year
3. ON THE WAY, Jesus and the Crowd "happen" to pass by a blind beggar named Bartimaeus.

BLINDNESS:

1. In Jewish culture, blindness was considered a punishment from God for sin. The Blind and the Publicans were two of the lowest positions in Jewish society.
2. Healing of the Blind was a sign of the coming Messiah.
3. Blindness: A Metaphor for spiritual darkness.

THE PARTICIPANTS:

Bartimaeus, the blind beggar from Jericho:

- Industrious and Opportunistic
- Aware and Informed
- Persistent and Unapologetic
- The "unlikely" recipient of the mercy of Jesus

The Crowd on the way to the Passover: critical, annoyed and fickle

Jesus: on His way to Jerusalem; to fulfill the Passover; where the cross awaits

THE DIALOGUE AND ACTIONS:

Bartimaeus:

- "Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me."
- Throwing his cloak aside…
- "I want to see!"

Jesus, Son of David:

- Why did Jesus not respond at the first cry of Bartimaeus?
- "What would you have Me to do for you?"
- "Go, your faith has healed (saved) you."

Bartimaeus' response upon receiving his sight:

"Immediately he followed Jesus ON THE WAY"

APPLICATION QUESTIONS - This is your opportunity. Jesus is passing by on the way to the Cross:

- Are you more like Bartimaeus or the Crowd?
- What would you have Jesus to do for you?
- Are you ready to immediately follow Jesus on His Way?