

Jesus Rebuking Ambition Of The Disciples

Lesson 18
Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45

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- Matthew 20:28, "*even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*"
- Jesus' life was delivered. cf. John 10:17-18; Acts 2:23
- His voluntary act was a gift in which He loved us and "gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell" (Ephesians 5:2; cf. 5:25).

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- "Ransom" (*lutron*, Thayer) – cf. Mark 10:45; 1 Timothy 2:5-6
- Jesus had foretold His death, but now He tells us WHY ... He would give His life a ransom for many.
- The Septuagint used *lutron* of the redemption price paid to free a poor Israelite who had been forced into slavery (Leviticus 25:24, 51), or of ransoms paid to a king (Isaiah 45:13). In the requirement that the firstborn belonged to the Lord, God allowed the Levites to be taken "*instead of all of the firstborn of the children of Israel*" (Numbers 3:41, 45-51).
- Note: Galatians 3:13; Revelation 5:9-10; 1 Peter 1:18-19

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- **Parallel accounts:** Matthew 20:29-34; Luke 18:35-43
- Jesus and His disciples are making their way toward Jerusalem. cf. Mark 10:32
- We now come to the last healing miracle described in the gospel of Mark. Mark 10:46-52

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- Mark 10:46-47, "*And they come to Jericho: and as he went out from Jericho, with his disciples and a great multitude, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the way side. And when he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.*"

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THE SETTING ...

The city

- Mark says that the miracle occurred on the way out of Jericho. Mark 10:46
- Luke says it occurred on the way to Jericho. Luke 18:35
- There were two Jerichos at the time of Jesus, about 15 miles NE of Jerusalem.
- The old Jericho from the days of Joshua was mostly abandoned.
- The new Jericho built by Herod the Great was an attractive city.
- It may be the miracle occurred as Jesus was leaving one and heading to another. (Expositor's Bible Commentary)

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THE SETTING ...

The crowd.

- Included Jesus' disciples and a "*great multitude*." Mark 10:46
- The multitude was likely even greater because it was the time many Jews were on their way to Jerusalem to observe the Passover.

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THE SETTING ...

The blind man.

- Matthew reveals that there were actually two blind men. Matthew 20:29-32
- Luke focuses his account on "*a certain blind man*." Luke 18:35-43
- Mark does also, identifying him by name, Bartimaeus. Mark 10:46
- Bartimaeus sat by the road, begging. Mark 10:46

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THE MIRACLE ...

- The desperate plea.
- Learning that Jesus of Nazareth was walking by, Bartimaeus began to cry out, "*Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!*" Mark 10:47
- Many sought to silence him, but he cried out all the more, "*Son of David, have mercy on me!*" Mark 10:48

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The Miracle.

- The gracious healing.
- Jesus commanded for Bartimaeus to be called.
- Some encourage him: "*Be of good cheer: rise, he calleth thee.*" Mark 10:49
- He throws aside his outer garment (which might hinder his steps) and comes to Jesus. Mark 10:50

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The Miracle.

- Jesus asks Bartimaeus what he wants Him to do. Mark 10:51
 - "*Rabboni* (Master, Teacher, cf. John 20:16), *that I may receive my sight.*"
- Jesus' response: "*Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole.*" Mark 10:52

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The Miracle.

- The new disciple.
- *"And straightway he received his sight, and followed him in the way"*
Mark 10:52
- He follows Jesus on the road, glorifying God. cf. Luke 18:43

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- FAITH... Mark 10:52, *"Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole."*
- Bartimaeus was healed because of his faith.
- Similar to the woman healed of a flow of blood. Mark 5:34
- Do we have the faith to receive what is God's will for us? cf. 1 John 5:14

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SOME OBSERVATIONS

- GRATITUDE ... Mark 10:52, *"... followed him in the way."*
- Bartimaeus followed Jesus and glorified God.
 - Like the Samaritan leper, he expressed gratitude. Luke 17:12-19
 - Do we express gratitude for the many blessings God gives us?
cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:14

I. Assume Responsibility (verse 47)

- A. Bartimaeus took it on himself to get help from the Lord
1. Didn't wait for someone else to act for him.
 2. Didn't blame others for his lack of access to Jesus.
 3. Didn't sit in a pool of self-pity about being blind and poor.

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- A. Bartimaeus took it on himself to get help from the Lord
- B. Take responsibility for your own sin / mistakes
 1. Adam and Eve shifted blame. (Genesis 3:12-13)
 2. Each bear our own sin. (Ezekiel 18:4, 20)
 3. Each will give an account for self. (Romans 14:12)

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- C. Take responsibility for own conformity to the word
 1. Must save self (Acts 2:40)
 2. The treasurer took responsibility to act (Acts 8:36)
 3. Rather than:
 - Reason: "If the situation was different ..."
 - Wonder: "What can I do ...?"
 - Point to others as the cause of your failure

II. Believe You Can Change (verse 51)

- A. Though blind – believed that with Jesus he could see
- B. In contrast some feel powerless – think they are stuck
 1. Wish they could do better
 2. But they are victims of circumstance and others