

### Introduction:

In Mark 10:46-52 a blind man named Bartimaeus has incredible insight because he sees Jesus for who he really is. You can find the sermon notes [here](#)<sup>1</sup> or listen to the sermon by clicking [here](#).<sup>2</sup>

### Scripture:

“And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.” ([Mark 10:46–52](#))

**“To experience lasting change you have to turn to the one who can help: Jesus Christ.”**

### So What?

In Mark 10:46-52, we meet a blind man named Bartimaeus who sat on the side of the road in Jericho, begging for the meager and chance charity of passers-by. He had long since given up hope on being able to change himself. But then Jesus came to Bartimaeus’ town. Blind Bartimaeus knew it was time for a change and he knew Jesus was the only one who could make it happen. Bartimaeus didn’t miss his chance for change. Bartimaeus provides us with an example of how to experience real change. Through his encounter with Jesus, we discover that Jesus Christ has the power to change our lives. Jesus has the power to heal and to save. Since Jesus has this power, let him change your life today! Where do you need God’s power in your life? Admit your need and ask God to demonstrate his power in your life.<sup>3</sup>

### What Now?

1. Some of those in the crowd would have kept Bartimaeus from going to Jesus, but Jesus took time to hear him out (see vs. 48). Do we give people the impression that God does not care about their problems? Following Jesus’ example, how can we help people see that God cares about us as individuals? (Also see [Gal 6:2](#); [Gal 6:9–10](#); [1 Pet 5:6–7](#))
2. When others tried to discourage Bartimaeus from seeking Jesus “he cried out all the more.” We should never listen to the world when it says that Jesus can’t or won’t help. Like Bartimaeus, we should “cast all [our] anxieties on him, because he cares for [us].”
3. If there is change that needs to be made in our lives; if there are sins, habits, or conditions that have defeated us time and time again; we must remember that Christ is the source of real and lasting change. Take a few minutes to quietly pray and consider if there are things that you need to ask God to change in your life. (Consider: [2 Cor 5:17](#); [Eph 3:20](#); [Phil 4:4–7](#); [1 Th 5:23–24](#))
4. “[Bartimaeus] sprang up and came to Jesus.” He was desperate for change, and his faith caused him to act with urgency. Do you feel that God is calling you to do something? If so, why delay? Do we need a full understanding of how God will work in order to begin? (Consider [Mark 9:20–24](#), especially 24)

<sup>1</sup> <https://wheelsms.wordpress.com/2015/08/23/is-lasting-change-possible/>

<sup>2</sup> [firstcentralbaptist.com/sermons/gospelofmark.html](http://firstcentralbaptist.com/sermons/gospelofmark.html)

<sup>3</sup> This excerpt is from Pastor Mark’s sermon notes.