

Jesus Welcomes the Destitute: He Offers Them Mercy

Mark 10:46-52

(Matt 20:29-34; Luke 18:35-43)

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How does God offer his mercy?

1. Mercy is **dispensed** at divine appointments verse 46
 - a. God knows our condition
 - b. God controls our circumstances
 - c. God cares about individuals

2. Mercy is **discovered** when we desperately call (verses 47-48)
 - a. Cry out passionately
 - b. Cry out personally
 - c. Cry out persistently

3. Mercy is **delivered** when we answer God's call (verses 49-51)
 - a. Jesus hears the **cry of faith** – He stood still
 - b. Jesus calls for **responsive faith** (Mark 1:15) Tell him to come to me!
 - c. Jesus sees our **steps of faith** – verse 50 – He threw off his beggar's cloak.
 - d. Jesus questions the **focus of faith** – verse 51 What do you want?
 - e. Jesus rewards our **simple faith** – verse 52
 - i. He believed
 - ii. He received
 - iii. He **followed**

Jesus offers more than health; he offers **wholeness**. He offers more than riches; he offers **restoration**. He offers more than a living; He offers **life**.