

SALVATION STORY: BARTIMAEUS

Luke 18:35-43

Verse 42: “Your faith has made you well” = “Your faith has _____ you”—common translation of this word in NT
Jesus was on his final pilgrimage to _____ for Passover; his popularity caused the crowds to throng Him
A _____ man sat begging at the gate of Jericho with other beggars; Mark tells us his name was Bartimaeus

I. BARTIMAEUS WAS BLIND, BUT HE WAS NOT _____

- A. Bartimaeus had 2 great disadvantages: 1) he was blind and therefore 2) he could not _____
- B. But while Bartimaeus was disadvantaged, he was not disabled: he had 2 great spiritual abilities:
 - 1) He possessed _____ but not the pop psychology version rooted in Buddhist meditation
 - a) He paid _____ to the news he heard as well as the reading of Scripture in the synagogue
 - b) He thought about what he heard; he _____ in the Biblical sense—he connected the dots, connected what he heard about Jesus from those who passed by with what the Bible had to say
 - c) While the crowd called Him “Jesus of Nazareth” Bartimaeus cried out to “Jesus, Son of _____”
 - d) When Peter called Jesus Messiah, Jesus replied that _____ had revealed it to him, so ultimately we must attribute Bartimaeus’ confession of Jesus as Messiah to the prior work of God in his soul
 - 2) He possessed the ability to _____: “blessed are the beggars in spirit for theirs is the kingdom”
Luke emphasized this truth by deliberately juxtaposing the story of the _____

II. BARTIMAEUS CRIED TO JESUS FOR _____ AND JESUS RESPONDED

- A. Bartimaeus Gave Voice to His _____
 - 1) He assented to the true identity of Jesus, but he also reached out in _____ on Jesus
 - 2) In verse 42 Jesus Himself tells us point-blank that he responded to the _____ of Bartimaeus
- B. Bartimaeus Refused to Be _____ when He Cried to Jesus for Mercy
 - 1) The crowd told Bartimaeus to _____ up! Jesus was too busy/important for the likes of him
 - 2) To find mercy from Jesus, we may need grit to deal with the opposition of _____
- C. Jesus _____ Everything and Responded to Bartimaeus’ Cries
 - 1) Jesus is the _____ today: He would hush the hallelujahs of heaven to respond to one cry for mercy
 - 2) When Jesus asked what he wanted, Bartimaeus answered with _____ word in the original: To see
 - 3) Jesus responded to Bartimaeus’ request with the same one word: Then _____ !
- D. Jesus Gave to Bartimaeus _____ than He Asked
 - 1) V. 43 indicates that Jesus restored Bartimaeus’ sight; v. 42 teaches that Jesus also _____ him
 - 2) God at times permits disease/suffering in order to cause men to turn from themselves to _____

III. BARTIMAEUS FOLLOWED JESUS AND GAVE GOD GLORY

- A. Bartimaeus Followed Jesus: this word can be a technical term for following Jesus as His _____
Becoming Jesus’ disciple—learning of Him, obeying Him—is natural _____ of being saved by faith
- B. Bartimaeus Glorified God for Jesus: _____ is another consequence of being saved by Jesus’ mercy
 - 1) Bartimaeus’ testimony was the _____ that caused the crowd of pilgrims to burst into praise
 - 2) Praise is _____: when we worship corporately we each add fuel to the bonfire of glory to God