

What Do You Want Me To Do?

April 24, 2022
Mark 10:45-52

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Back Up to Just before Triumpal Entry

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- Passed through Jericho on way to Jerusalem
- Story of Bartimaeus – about Bartimaeus or Jesus?

The Scene

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- Bartimaeus, blind beggar, nobody cries out⁴⁷ to Jesus!
- Crowd seeks to hush him as he is unremarkable

Jesus Cares

- Though on a very important mission, Jesus stops
- Jesus cares about individuals - call out Phil 4:6-7
- To Jesus not an interruption, but door to show mercy
- Imagine Creator standing in front of broken creation

Face to Face with Jesus

- Bartimaeus called to stand before Jesus
- Jesus' kingdom unlike earthly kingdom standards

The Ultimate Question

- 2nd time we've heard Jesus ask this question^{10:36}
- Previously James & John bucking for position^{10:36}
- Bartimaeus comes simply asking for mercy
- Humble Saving Faith – Jesus alone can help me, I bring nothing to Him, I need His mercy!
- We can also come to Jesus because of what He has done... He is Good, Gracious & Merciful: *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*
- Once Jesus heals you by His grace, you can follow Jesus for His glory⁵²

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