

Have Mercy

Introduction: The story of blind Bartimaeus is a lesson in how to approach God.

Bartimaeus ...

- Was a blind beggar.
- Had heard of Jesus' miracles.
- Recognized Jesus as the Messiah
- Believed Jesus could heal him.
- Had to reach Him before he left town.

Most whom Jesus healed went unnamed.

There are seven healings in the book of Mark before the story of Bartimaeus. The only other name given is that of Jarius, the synagogue leader and father of the girl Jesus resurrected.

Bartimaeus knew Jesus was the Messiah.

- "Son of David" was a Messianic title - *Matthew 12:23; 15:22; 21:9.*

Bartimaeus sought mercy.

- Mercy is always undeserved.
- Mercy is God's name - *Exodus 34:5-7.*
- Mercy presupposes sin.
- Seeking mercy is an admission of guilt.

Five points of the interchange.

- 1) Blindness made him need Jesus.
- 2) He first sought God's mercy.
- 3) He let nothing hinder him from Jesus.
- 4) He asked Jesus for what he needed.
- 5) He had believing faith - *Hebrews 11:6-7.*

Conclusion: We *all* need God's mercy, that's why Jesus came - *Mark 1:15.*

The way to God's mercy is found in *Isaiah 55:6-7* [Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.](#)