

## May 2, 2010 – Sermon Outline

### “My Name is Bartimaeus”

Mark 10:46-52

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The most common form of blindness is **SPIRITUAL**. Christ ministered to a nation described by the prophets as blind (**Isaiah 44:18**).

*Isaiah 44:18 They do not know, nor do they understand, for He has smeared over their eyes so that they cannot see and their hearts so that they cannot comprehend.*

Apart from Christ, every man is spiritually blind: *The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned (1 Corinthians 2:14 NIV).*

*46 Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road.*

*47 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”*

Bartimaeus was **DESPERATE**.

He called Jesus, **Son of David**—a clear confession that Jesus was the promised Messiah. Isaiah predicted that in the day Messiah reigns, *the eyes of the blind will see (Isaiah 29:18)*.

*48a Many were sternly telling him to be quiet,*

Bartimaeus was **DISRUPTIVE**.

*48b but he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”*

Bartimaeus was **DETERMINED**.

*49 And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him here.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.”*

*50 Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus.*

Bartimaeus was **DECISIVE**.

*51 And answering him, Jesus said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And the blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!”*

*52 And Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.*

Bartimaeus was **DELIVERED** and became a disciple.

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