



This week's sermon
The Man Who Saw the King
Mark 10:46-52

1. Before His final week on earth, Jesus saves a rich man and a beggar. In a world that wants to pit one group against another, we are to love all based on their humanity, receive all based on their faith.
2. We must acquaint ourselves with a very un-American concept: We have a King.

Digging Deeper Into the Message

Read the sermon text, Mark 10:46-52 and list the actions taken or received by Bartimaeus.

Picture the crowded scene and remember it is the last time Jesus will travel that road. What attitude do you see in Bartimaeus?

In that crowded place, at that time in history, cloaks were costly and most people only had one. What do you think that leaving his cloak behind tells us about Bartimaeus?

Jesus asks "What do you want me to do for you?" Contrast the request made by Bartimaeus with that of James and John a few verses back (Mark 10:35-37).

As you examine yourself and think on this passage, are there things that God is calling you to do?

Compare the instant healing of Bartimaeus with the healing of the blind man in Mark 8:22-26. Jesus teaches his followers a lesson in these healings. Notice how hard it was for Jesus' followers to see spiritual truth a few verses earlier (Mark 8:14-21) and how Bartimaeus could identify Jesus as the Son of David even before his physical sight was restored. In what ways can you see yourself and the people around you "seeing" truth as a gradual process?

Considering the previous thoughts about spiritual sight, read 2 Corinthians 4, focusing on verses 3-6 and 17-18. As you meditate on this passage what do you find striking or encouraging?