EVANGELISTIC SERMON SERIES: COME TO JESUS JESUS HEALS BLIND BARTIMAEUS Mark 10:46-52 (Parallel Passages – Matt 20:29-34; Luke 18:35-43)

INTRODUCTION:

The story of Blind Bartimaeus reminds us that Jesus and Him only is truly the answer to our needs. He is the only one that can save us from our sins, circumstances and choices and set us on a new path.

• "And he (Bartimaeus), casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus" (Mark 10:50).

In this message, we will study five key points in the story of Blind Bartimaeus:

- I. THE CONDITION OF BARTIMAEUS (v. 46)
 - A. Bartimaeus was identified as a blind man, the son of Timaeus.
 - B. Due to his blindness, Bartimaeus was a Beggar
 - **C. Bartimaeus' physical blindness represents a type of Spiritual Blindness** (2 Cor 4:4; Eph 4:18).
- II. <u>THE CRY OF BARTIMAEUS</u> (vv. 47-48)
 - A. Although, Bartimaeus was blind, he could hear
 - **B.** Bartimaeus recognized the name Jesus (Mark 1:34; Rom 10:9-10; 2 Cor 6:2)

III. THE DETERMINATION OF BARTIMAEUS (v. 48)

- A. Many in the crowd tried to get Bartimaeus to hush up "Hold his Peace"
- B. Bartimaeus was desperate and determined to get Jesus' attention.
- C. Bartimaeus believed that Jesus could help him.
- **D.** We are to keep in mind that Jesus came to save us (Luke 9:56; 2 Pet 3:9)
- IV. THE CONFIDENCE OF BARTIMAEUS (v. 49-50)
 - A. Jesus heard Bartimaeus cry for Him to help (v. 49)
 - **B.** Bartimaeus cast aside his garment and came to Jesus (v. 50; Eph 4:22; Isa 55:7).
- V. <u>THE CONVERSION OF BARTIMAEUS</u> (vv. 51-52)
 - A. Jesus asked Bartimaeus "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" (v. 51)
 - **B.** Bartimaeus replied "Lord, that I might receive my sight" (v. 51)
 - C. Jesus informed Bartimaeus in v. 52 (Acts 16:31; Eph 2:8-9)
 - **D.** After Bartimaeus was healed Physically and Spiritually Bartimaeus "followed Jesus in the way" (v. 52; Matt 5:16; 2 Thess 1:12).

VI. <u>CONCLUSION:</u>

- A. Jesus said, "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" (John 12:47).
- **B.** Jesus Saves
- C. Adrian Roders says, "Man's greatest need is to see his own Spiritual Blindness.
- D. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).