

## ***The Blind Man with Great Insight*** **Mark 10:46-52**

### ***Bartimaeus cries out for Jesus. 10:46-49***

- This = 1<sup>st</sup> time Jesus called *Son of David* in Mark (messianic title, (II Sam. 7:ff., Isa. 11:1,10). Bartimaeus ironically isn't so blind!
- Why does the crowd want Bartimaeus to shut up?

Earlier Jesus tended to quiet those who announced His messiahship; here it's the crowd doing so, as Jesus is now less concerned.

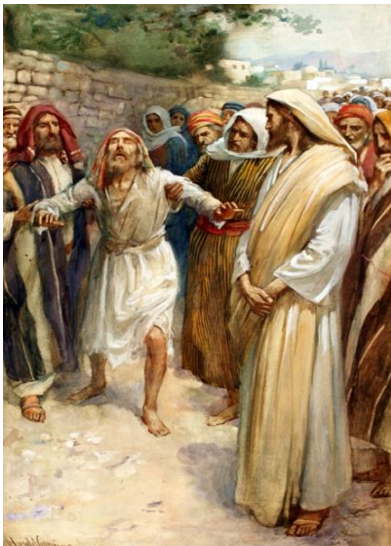
- Matt. 19:23ff. mentions two men, but Mark focuses on one plus his name as in 5:2ff. / Matt. 8:28, also see 10:35 / Matt. 20:22.
- More irony—crowd goes from condemning Bartimaeus to calling him take courage and go to Jesus after Jesus calls for him.

### ***Jesus heals Bartimaeus. 10:50-52a***

- Jesus asks the same question in 10:36, then an instant healing!
- "Your faith has made you well" only elsewhere in 5:34.

### ***Bartimaeus follows Jesus. 10:52b***

- What is so unique about Bartimaeus in comparison to others who are healed in Mark's gospel?
- Contrast poor Bartimaeus with the RYR, which is separated by Jesus' correction about greatness (10:42-45). Note the irony.



How is Bartimaeus a model for you and me today?