



## To See

**Text: Mark 10:46-52**

**Context:** This is a review of a previous passage. Due to a change in the teaching schedule. This is the final healing in the Gospel of Mark. It is also the end of a longer section that began with a healing of a blind man in Mark 8:22-26. In between the two blind men being healed Jesus has taught the disciples about His future suffering and of His true purpose - *“to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.”* (10:45)

*[See “Week 09 04-02 Questions” for the original and alternate questions]*

### 1) Jesus is the Son of David (Mark 10:46-48)

Who is David? What is the significance of the title “Son of David”? How could blind Bartimaeus see that Jesus was the “Son of David”?

### 2) Jesus stops. (Mark 10:49-50)

What can we learn from Jesus stopping (vs 49) and the continued crying out of Bartimaeus (vs 48)? Who is the “they” in verse 49? Why do “they” treat him differently from their initial treatment in verse 48?

### 3) “...following Him.” (Mark 10:51-52)

What are the signs of Bartimaeus faith in this passage? Why didn’t Jesus warn him not to tell anyone about the healing? Why did Bartimaeus follow Jesus?

### **BIG IDEA:** Jesus asks, **“What do you want Me to do for you?”** (Mark 10:51)

Just a few verses earlier Jesus asked James and John the same question (10:36). However, the context was much different. Three people were asked the same question: One needed sight and believed Jesus could heal, and two desired power and position which led to indignation. It seems to come down to need versus desire. Need flows from humility, while desire flows from pride and entitlement. Both were following Jesus. The way we approach following Jesus says a lot about our heart and true purpose for following the Servant King.

What drives your faith in this season? Is it need like Bartimaeus? Or desire like James and John?

What do you want from Jesus today?

What would it look like for Jesus to stop and call to you in the midst of your need or desire?

**Next Week’s Passage:** Skipping to Mark 11:12-26 / “The Withered Fig Tree”