Hope Of Easter: Blind Bartimaeus

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"As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem."

-Luke 9:51

"He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again."

-Mark 8:31

Blind Bartimaeus Calls

Mark 10:46 - 48

- Heard Jesus was near
- Yelled out
- Ignored rebukes

Jesus and Bartimaeus Interact

Mark 10:49-50

- · Jesus calls Bartimaeus doesn't go to him
- Bartimaeus throws away cloak

Mark 10:51

- "What do you want me to do for you?"
- Bartimaeus asks for his greatest need

Mark 10:52

- "Go. Your Faith has healed you."
- · Bartimaeus follows and praises God

Jesus Goal Was Misunderstood

"Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, 'We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again."

"The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about."

-Luke 18:31-34

"He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him."

-Mark 8:32

People thought He was

- a teacher
- a warrior
- a politician/king
- a social reformer

Jesus Came To Be A Savior

"Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

-1 John 2:1-2

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."-Isaiah 53:5 - 6

"so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him."

-Hebrews 9:28

Bartimaeus Is Picture Of Gospel

• We have one great need -Romans 6:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:9

• Only Jesus can deal with it -John 14:6

• Jesus calls and offers Himself -1 Peter 3:18; Romans 5:8

• We surrender wholeheartedly -Luke 18:13; Luke 23:40-42