

Opening Eyes to See the Cross:  
*Blind Man by the Road Sees*  
Mark 10:46-52

**I. Blind Man by the Road – Bartimaeus**

- A. He saw his need
- B. He cried out to Jesus for mercy
- C. He followed Jesus on the way

**II. The Accidental Evangelists**

~“Get up; He is calling you!”

*By thy Mercy, O deliver Us! Good Lord, Good Lord.*

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**Point to Ponder:** In so many words, have one or both of these statements crossed our lips? 1) “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me?” 2) “Get up! Jesus is calling you.” If not, what do you think is stopping us?

**A Note to Parents:** Please know that the children and youth who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we will consider each week. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God’s Word.

**Next Week:** Next Sunday we will begin the **Season of Lent**. Lent is not a season mandated by the scriptures, but it has been a helpful tool used for discipleship by God’s people for many centuries. Different faith traditions have recognized this season that essentially covers the 7 weeks leading up to Easter. For some it is a season of introspection and confession. Yet for us, it is more broadly an intentional season of spiritual preparation. In it we prepare ourselves to understand more fully, and celebrate more correctly, the victory Jesus won in His cross and resurrection. Our mini sermon series during this time is entitled *A Walk to the Cross* - it will focus on the week before the cross as seen through the eyes of Mark. We begin with the text of **Mark 11:1-11** *The Entrance*.

