

THE CALL OF THE SERVANT



TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
JUNE 5, 2011
MARK 10:46-52 - MESSAGE #46

The Messianic Signs



- Isaiah 29:18, And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.
- Luke 4:18, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, **and recovering of sight to the blind**, to set at liberty them that are bruised . . . (Isaiah 61).

I. THE CONTEXT OF THE MIRACLE



- Mark 10:46

And they came to Jericho:

and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people,

blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus,
sat by the highway side begging.

A. The Geographic Context



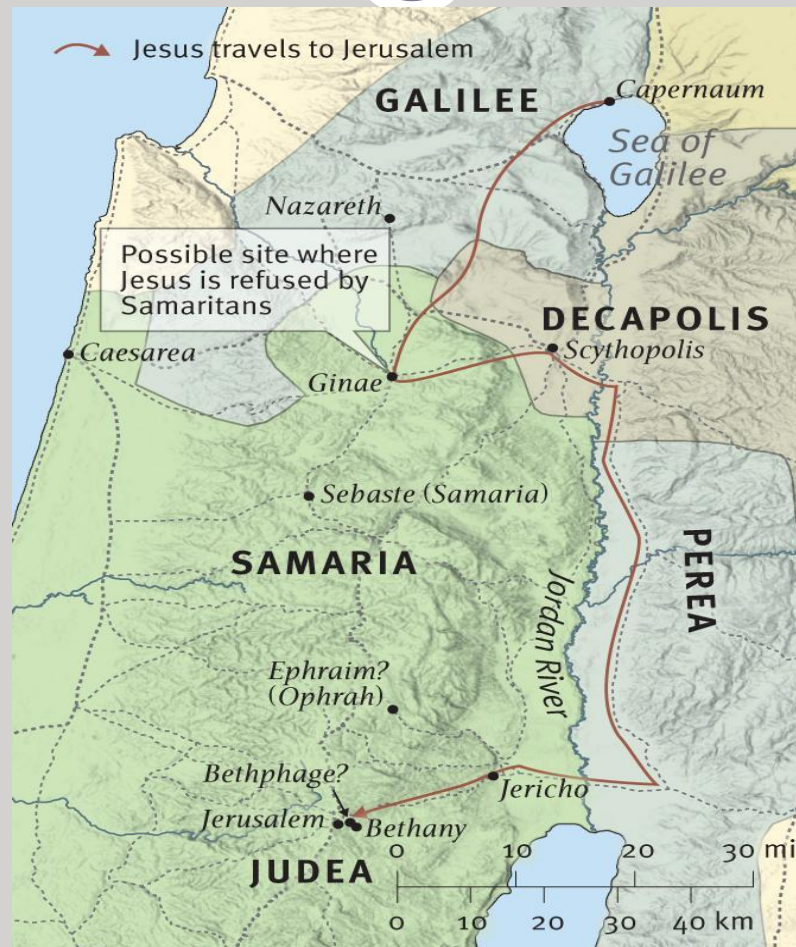
- Act I of Mark – focus on Galilee (1:1 to 8:21)
- Act II of Mark – focus on the road/way from Galilee to Jerusalem (8:22 to 10:52)
- Act III of Mark – focus on Jerusalem (11:1 to 16:20)

B. The Historic Context



- Israel came out of the Wilderness into the Promised Land.
- Israel crossed over the Jordan River.
- Israel was led by Joshua (OT name for Jesus).
- Israel first conquered the city of Jericho.

Possible Route Jesus took to Jerusalem



C. The Literary Context



- Part II of Mark begins with Jesus healing a blind man (8:22-26).
- Part II of Mark ends with Jesus healing a blind man (10:46-52).
- These two miracles serve as bookends to reinforce to the disciples the need of the Lord giving them spiritual sight. The disciples do not see yet that Jesus is to die in Jerusalem as the sin offering of the world.
- The contrast between the response of the rich ruler and the response of the blind man to Jesus (illustration of “first” and “last” reversals in the kingdom)

D. The Calendar Context



- It was late March of 30 A.D.
- Jericho is a full day's journey from Jerusalem.
- The triumphal entry of Jesus to Jerusalem will take place on Sunday, April 2, 30 A.D.
- The feast of the Passover was on April 7, 30 A.D.
- The male population of Israel, twenty years of age and older, was required to attend the feast.
- The roads to Jerusalem were filled “*with a great number of people.*”

II. THE CRY OF THE BLIND MAN



- Mark 10:47

And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to **cry** out, and say,
Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

A. The Plea – “cry out”

B. The Person – “Jesus, thou Son of David”

C. The Petition – “have mercy on me”

III. THE CHARGE OF THE PEOPLE



- Mark 10:48

And many **charged** him that he should hold his peace:

but he cried the more a great deal,

Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

- A. Their Charge
- B. His Continuation

IV. THE CALL OF THE SERVANT



- Mark 10:49

And Jesus stood still,
and commanded him to **be called**.

And they **call** the blind man, saying unto him,
Be of good comfort, rise; he **calleth** thee.

A. The Command

B. The Call

C. The Comfort

V. THE COMING OF THE BLIND TO JESUS



- Mark 10:50

And he, casting away his garment,
rose, and **came** to Jesus.

A. The Casting

B. The Coming

VI. THE CONFESSION OF THE BLIND MAN



- Mark 10:51

And Jesus answered and said unto him,
What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?
The blind man said unto him,
Lord, that I might receive my sight.

- A. The Concern
- B. The Confession

VII. THE CHARACTER OF A TRUE DISCIPLE



- Mark 10:52

And Jesus said unto him,

Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole.

And immediately he received his sight,

and **followed Jesus** in the way.

A. His Faith

B. His Following

THE IDEAL DISCIPLE



1. He recognizes his need of the Lord.
2. He acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of man and the Son of God.
3. He humbly cries out to God for mercy. He knows that He does not deserve grace, but judgment.
4. He refuses to be hindered by others when it comes to meeting and following Jesus.
5. He hears the call of God and believes in His ability to save.
6. He is saved by faith, not by sight.
7. He continues to follow Jesus.

Invitation to Call on God to Save you



Dear God:

I once was spiritually blind, but now I see my need of your mercy and salvation. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died for me and rose again the third day. Lord, please be merciful to me a sinner and save me from my sins!

I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.