

He Cried Out

Luke 18:35-43

Introduction: After rejecting the rich, young ruler, Jesus heals a lowly blind man.

I. The Situation

- A. Jesus is passing through on his way to Jerusalem
His fame, the town looks good, he needs to stay quiet
- B. A man cries out
Mark calls him Bartimaeus
It's embarrassing and uncomfortable
"Have mercy" boao: loud voice, Krazo: shouted
But Jesus stops and heals the man
- C. What do you want me to do for you?
Why ask? Energize the man, ensure that's what he wants
- D. Your faith has healed you
Did Jesus heal? But he had to have faith

II. Our Situation

- A. Each of us want to fit in a look good
Our family, our wealth, our outlook on life
- B. But sometimes we are struggling
Sin, hurt, despair, confusion
- C. Jesus is there to heal our pain
But we must cry out to him
Jesus is the great physician

III. The Illustration of a Gift

- A. What keeps us from opportunity?
What will others think
Jn 9:22 his parents were afraid of losing synagogue
Jn 12:42 some didn't follow because of synagogue
Perhaps we don't want people to think we need it

Perhaps I don't really need it
Rom. 3:23 (v. 9-10), Rom. 6:23,
It's too hard to get it
Acts 22:16, 2 Cor. 5:21