

Sermon ~ Sunday, August 30, 2020 by Pastor D. Benoit www.magnoliambcbmt.org

Text: Mark 10: 47a-d...

KJV – “And when he heard that it was **JESUS** of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, **JESUS...**”

NLT – “And when he heard that it was **JESUS** of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, **JESUS...**”

Tyndale – “When Bartimaeus heard that **JESUS** of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout,
JESUS...”

Title: “Seeking Help? Call JESUS!”

Who do you call, when you need *help*? Who are you calling?

The Red Cross; 911; The Food Bank; Mental Health Therapists; *Yourself*—Speaking positive things; The Gym Trainer; *Your Friend*; Online, Facebook Therapists; Doctor(s);

The Bishop, The Pastor, The Most Reverend???

“Seeking Help? Call JESUS!”

This text is a picture of a man needing *help* and needing it desperately. His blindness is a picture of the blindness, darkness, and need(s) of our world today, as it rocks and reels in the desperation for *help*. The need(s) then as is now, are physical: hurting from homelessness or the brink of it; healing from grief or disease; *help* now and hopeless then.

Mental, emotional, spiritual *help*. We were accustomed to closeness, in many instances, to close for comfort, and now, we must, social distance. The tragedy of bold sin(s) says we need *help*.

The blindness in the text had no effective treatments, no antibiotics, no surgical procedures... it's like ‘spiritual blindness’: blind to the things of **GOD**. The spiritual blind does not know, they are blind [“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked” —Revelation 3: 17]. The spiritual blind is blinded by the god of this World [“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of **CHRIST, WHO** is the image of **GOD**, should shine unto them.” – 2 Corinthians 4: 4] Blind by the moral darkness of hatred [“He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.” – I John 2: 9]

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JESUS had been in Jericho... the world's main commercial roads ran North and South through Jericho... it was 17 miles from Jerusalem... it was *Passover* season... people/pilgrims everywhere... Blind Bartimaeus had heard about **JESUS** (Luke 18: 35-43), he knew that his best chance to find **JESUS** would be to station himself at the City limits where **JESUS** would be passing as **HE** left the City. So, he “sat by the [main] highway . . . begging.”

The *Good News* is that blind Bartimaeus *had to go where JESUS came*, and, Call **JESUS!**
BUT wherever we are, JESUS is there/here... Call JESUS!!!

Getting help is believing the reports about JESUS.* Blind Bartimaeus heard about **ONE called **JESUS** of Nazareth, **WHO** was claiming to be **The True MESSIAH**. He knew there was a possibility that he might be healed and enabled to see. He believed the testimonies about **JESUS**...

* *Getting help is acknowledging your personal need.* As soon as Bartimaeus heard that it was **JESUS** passing by, he instantly began shouting out to attract **JESUS**. He publicly was *confessing*; I have a need that only **JESUS** can help.

**Getting help is to be persistent and persevering after JESUS.* They (the crowd) tried to hush Bartimaeus, but he was desperate and determined and in dead earnest. He would not be discouraged, silenced or stopped.

Getting help is to eagerly expect to receive JESUS' help.* **JESUS 'stood still', because of Bartimaeus need; because **JESUS** never turn away from anyone who cries out for help! Note also, blind Bartimaeus cast aside his coat. He wanted nothing to hinder him from reaching **JESUS**. All in one motion, he sprang to his feet and moved toward **The Voice of JESUS!**

Getting help is requesting precisely what is needed.* Bartimaeus knew what he needed. **JESUS knew also. But he needed to make a personal confession to (in) **JESUS**...

faith in **JESUS' Person** for himself and the sake of others standing there. Verse 51, "The blind man said to **HIM, 'LORD'**... meaning **GOD**... ["That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth **The LORD JESUS**, and shalt believe in thine heart that **GOD** hath raised **HIM** from the dead, thou shalt be save. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." – Romans 10: 9, 10] Note also, the possessive "my" in this verse.

This specific request got a specific answer: "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

Getting help is following JESUS.* **JESUS told him, "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole." – vs. 52. But, "He followed **JESUS** in The Way." That's *gratefulness* and *thankfulness*. That's *genuine conversion*. That's *following through*. That's *growing* and *wanting* to grow to share with others what **JESUS can do** and how **JESUS can help**. That's bearing the testimony of *loyalty* and *faithfulness*.

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I know HIM...

HE is The Almighty ONE (Revelation 1: 8); **Alpha and Omega** (Revelation 22: 13); **My Advocate** (I John 2: 1); **The Author and Finisher of our Faith** (Hebrews 12: 2); **The Authority** (Matthew 28: 18); **The Bread of Life** (John 6: 35); **The Beloved SON of GOD** (Matthew 3: 17); **The Bridegroom** (Matthew 3: 17); **The Chief Cornerstone** (Psalms 118: 22); **The Deliverer** (I Thessalonians 1: 10); **The Faithful and True** (Revelation 19: 11); **The Good Shepherd** (John 10: 11); **The Great High Priest** (Hebrews 4: 14); **The Head of The Church** (Ephesians 1: 22); **The Holy Servant** (Acts 4: 29-30); **I AM** (John 8: 58); **Immanuel** (Isaiah 7: 14); **The Indescribable Gift** (2 Corinthians 9: 15); **The Judge** (Acts 10: 42); **The KING of Kings** (Revelation 17: 14); **The Lamb of GOD** (John 1: 29); **The Light of the World** (John 8: 12); **The Loin of the Tribe of Judah** (Revelation 5: 5); **The LORD of All** (Philippians 2: 9-11); **The Mediator** (I Timothy 2: 5); **The MESSIAH** (John 1: 41); **The Mighty ONE** (Isaiah 60: 16); **The ONE WHO Makes Free** (John 8: 36); **Our Hope** (I Timothy 1: 1); **PEACE** (Ephesians 2: 14); **The Prophet** (Mark 6: 4); **The Redeemer** (Job 19: 25);

The Risen LORD (I Corinthians 15: 3-4); **The ROCK** (I Corinthians 10: 4); **The Sacrifices for Our Sins** (I John 4: 10); **The SAVIOR** (Luke 2: 11); **The Son of Man** (Luke 19: 10); **The Son of The Most High** (Luke 1: 32); **The Supreme Creator Over All** (Colossians 1: 16-17); **The Resurrection and The Life** (John 11: 25); **The Door** (John 10: 9); **The Way** (John 14: 6); **The WORD** (John 1: 1); **The True Vine** (John 15: 1); **The Truth** (John 8: 32); **The Victorious One** (Revelation 3: 21);
The Wonderful Counselor, Mighty GOD, Everlasting FATHER, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9: 6).

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JESUS (JESUS), Oh JESUS (JESUS)

Oh How I Love, to Call **YOUR NAME** (Calling **YOUR NAME**).

Oh **JESUS (JESUS)**, Oh Sweet **JESUS (JESUS)**, Every day, Uh Huh, **YOUR NAME** is the same.

When my troubles surround me, and I didn't have to despair,
LORD YOU told me, that **YOU'LL** be right there.
It seems like all my problems, had just begun,
I didn't have to worry no more; they were already won.

Oh **JESUS (JESUS)**, Oh **JESUS**, oh how I love calling **YOUR NAME!**
Ooh **JESUS, JESUS (JESUS)**, Sweet **JESUS, JESUS (JESUS)**
Oh, every day, Yes, it is **YOUR NAME** is the same – Yeah!

I remember in the morning, sometimes late at night,
But when I got off my knees **JESUS** everything was alright.
Oh Oh **JESUS (JESUS)**, my **Rose of Sharon**; my **Lily of The Valley**.
Calling **YOUR NAME!**

Ooh **JESUS, JESUS** my **Mountain Mover (JESUS)**
Every day, Yeah **JESUS** (Every day) Every day is the same.
JESUS my Mother, **JESUS** my Father, **JESUS**,
I Love, I Love Calling **YOUR NAME!**

Ooh come on **JESUS**
Come on **JESUS**
Come on **JESUS**
Come on **JESUS**
Come on **JESUS**

Every Day, nobody but **JESUS. YOUR NAME** is the same!!!