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Sermon: Palm Sunday

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Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

Text: Mark 10:46-52; 11:7-10

“And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 48 And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49 And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” 50 And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” 52 And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.”

“ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus^{al} sent two of his disciples 2 and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” 4 And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. 5 And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6 And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. 7 And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. 8 And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. 9 And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Instructions:

This discussion guide serves as a conversation starter for your small group. Every week we will feature an icebreaker question in the **Belong** section as well as give you a recap from the week before. Your main discussion will be centered around the **Believe** section where you will read the key passage and answer suggested questions based on the sermon. Feel free to use some or all of these questions or add your own. Finally, in the **Become** section we will give you a couple of ways to practically apply what we have learned together.

Belong: Recap from last week: Dr. Henry Cloud spoke on how trust is the currency of every relationship we have in our lives. Today Pastor David is sharing from Mark 10 the story of Jesus healing Bartimaeus, the blind beggar. This takes place as Jesus is on the way to Jerusalem where he will be heralded by the people in the triumphant entry we call Palm Sunday.

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite Easter Basket Candy?

Big Idea: Read Mark 10:46-52

Why do you think Bartimaeus was sitting by the side of the road? What was different about this day than all the others? What is significant about the title he gave to Jesus? How did he communicate his need?

Cross Reference: According to Ephesians 2:4-5, what is God rich in?

Read Micah 7:18: What does God delight in?

What does Bartimaeus appeal to as he cries out to Jesus?

Read: Mark 10:48 What did the crowd say to Bartimaeus and what was his response?

Read Mark 10:49 What response does Jesus have? How does Bartimaeus get to Jesus? (Look at Luke 18:40) Do you find this an interesting turn of events?

What question does Jesus ask Bartimaeus?

How does Jesus respond to Bartimaeus' request?

What made Bartimaeus well?

How do we know that Bartimaeus was healed both physically and spiritually? (Look at 10:52) What did Bartimaeus see as he followed Jesus into Jerusalem?

Become: Look at your own life. How is the story of Bartimaeus your story as well? What do you want Jesus to do for you today?

Prayer: LORD, thank you that you see us and you respond to us with a heart that is rich in mercy. Lord heal us of our spiritual blindness and let us see you as you truly are.