

Series: Encounters with Jesus

Message: Blind Bartimaeus

*Mark 19:45-52 (NIV)*

*When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

*Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

*Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."*

*So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.*

*"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.*

*The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."*

*"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.*

Bartimaeus had expectations of Jesus.

- What expectations do we have of Jesus as we seek him?

Bartimaeus was desperate, when told to be quiet he called out all the more.

- Have you ever called out to Jesus desperately in for relief from some problem or situation?

Throwing his cloak aside was an act of "throwing caution to the wind", "putting all his eggs in the Jesus basket".

- In what ways or in what situations might we need to take that kind of step or action?
- What keeps us or holds us back from taking those kinds of steps?

Bartimaeus was changed through his encounter with Jesus. He gained his sight.

- In what ways have you been changed as you encounter Jesus?