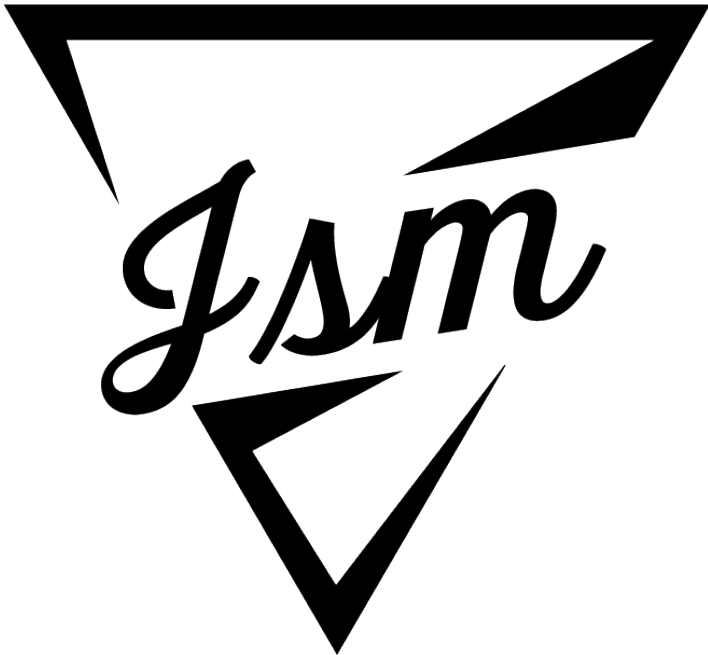


GOSPEL OF MARK

JOURNEY STUDENT MINISTRIES

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PRAY TOGETHER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Amen.



READ THE TEXT

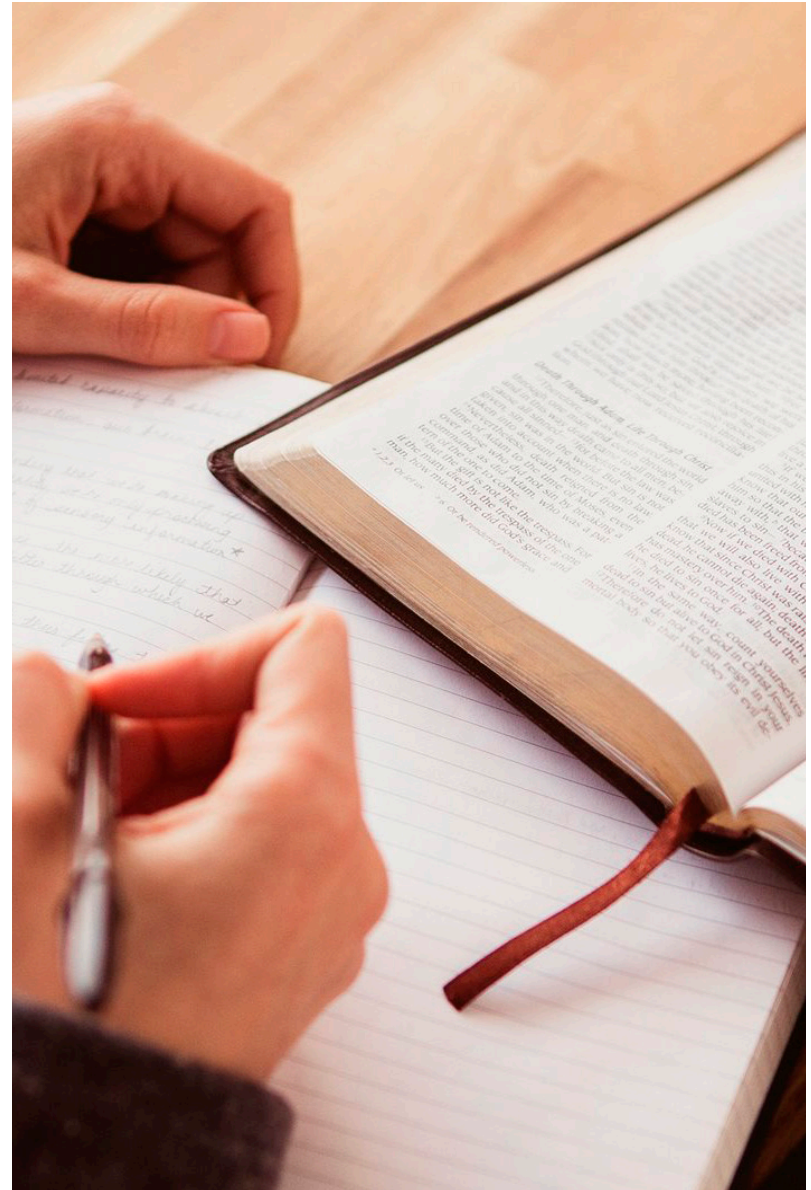
Mark 10:32-52 NIV

32 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. 33 "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise." 35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." 36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. 37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." 38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" 39 "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." 46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." 52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

TALK IT OVER

- 1) Why do you think John and James come to Jesus and ask to sit at his right and left in glory?
- 2) What does Jesus mean when he says "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with"?
- 3) Why are the other disciples angry with James and John?
- 4) What is the significance of the cry of Bartimaeus?
- 5) Why does Jesus bother to ask what Bartimaeus wants from him? Surely he already knows



THINGS TO NOTE

This is the third time Jesus has told his disciples about his impending death and resurrection. James and John are still operating under the assumption that Jesus will be establishing an earthly kingdom, overthrowing the Roman government.

Both James and John were martyred for their faith later in life. We find clues to what Jesus might mean when we pay attention to his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Bartimaeus would have been looked at as a nobody, on the margins of society and of low status. His posture of asking for mercy is exactly right and is applicable to all of us.

Unlike many others we have read about, when Bartimaeus is healed he doesn't go off on his own, he leaves everything and follows Jesus.

APPLY THE TEXT

1) In what ways are you prone to approach Jesus with an attitude more akin to James and John than Bartimaeus?

2) When you hear Jesus talk about being last and serving other, how does it make you feel? (be honest, many of us probably don't feel excited)

3) How might it impact you to pray the Lord Jesus prayer on a regular basis? (Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner)

4) What might God be inviting you to learn from these stories and implement in your own life?

