

"And Jesus Stood Still"

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MARK 10:46-52

Intro. **A.** The Bible is filled with narratives.

1. They are inspired stories.
2. They are not parables.
3. They are not types or shadows.
4. They are about real people.

B. Although narratives are not figures of speech they yield to us many divine principles.

1. These derived principles must always agree with revealed, plainly stated Bible truths.
2. Narratives often teach powerful long-remembered lessons.

I. Spiritual Principles Taught By The Narrative of Bartimaeus.

1. **A.** God is love.

1. How can this be? He is blind!
2. God's love is constant in good and evil times.
3. This can be seen by faith alone.

2. **B.** Life, as we see it, is not fair.

- Vs. 46
1. Blindness is always unfair.
 2. He was not born blind.
 3. One of the severest forms of punishment is to take one's sight.
 4. Oedipus Rex and Joanna.

3. **C.** Things could always get worse.

- Vs. 47
1. He "heard" that Jesus was coming.
 2. Some are blind and deaf.
 3. Jeremy Slogley

10. [J.] We may respond properly to God's invitation. ^{2.}
Vs. 50 1. He cast away his garment.
2. He ran to Jesus.

11. [K.] God may question us.
Vs. 51 1. "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee"?
2. Jesus knew his condition. He knew his history.

12. [L.] Answer God truthfully.
Vs. 51 1. "Lord, that I might receive my sight".
2. Be brief, be specific. (that I may see again)
3. ἀναβλεψω =

13. [M.] God can meet our needs.
Vs. 52a 1. "Go thy way" = "get on with your life".
2. "your faith has brought your healing".

14. [N.] Faith will always have its rewards.
Vs. 52b 1. "And immediately he received his sight".
2. "...and followed Jesus in the way".