

# **Blind Eyes Opened**

Sermon 59 in the Matthew Series

## **Matthew 20:29-34**

Matthew tells us there were two blind men – companions in suffering, but also companions in coming to Christ for mercy. Matthew omits the man’s name, but Mark tells us it was Bartimaeus.

### **I. Bartimaeus was aware of his Miserable Condition**

### **II. Bartimaeus understood Christ is the Promised Messiah**

Jesus, Son of David – have mercy on me!  
Son of David acknowledges Jesus as Messiah.

The promise was given to David – in what we know as the Davidic Covenant.

**2 Samuel 7** -- The LORD tells you that He will make you a house.

When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ...And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.

According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

#### **Jeremiah 33:14-21**

1. **The Lord our Righteousness** (v. 16).

Bartimaeus had no way to cure his own blindness.

He cries out to the Lord – and his blindness is healed

2. **How sure is this promise?**

### **III. His Amazing Persistence**

He would not be silenced and he was granted his request.

**Isaiah 35:5-6** -- *Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.  
Then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
And the tongue of the dumb sing.*

### **IV. They Both became Followers of the Lord Jesus Christ**