

Three stories of people who wanted Jesus' help

Mark 10:35 - 11:11



1 James and John were brothers and were both disciples of Jesus. They asked a special favour of him: "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

"You don't know what you are asking," answered Jesus, "this is not for me to grant... These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

2 Bartemeus was blind. As Jesus walked by he called out 'Jesus son of David have mercy on me! When Jesus asked him what he wanted, he answered 'Rabbi, I want to see.' Jesus told him 'Go, your faith has healed you', and immediately he was healed.



3 The Jewish people were tired of being ruled by the harsh Romans. They were waiting for a rescuer who would free them from their political problems. They wanted Jesus to rescue them from their hard lives. As he rode into Jerusalem on the donkey people started to make a parade for him. Some people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Welcome Jesus as your rescuer!
He came to die on the cross so that we can be friends with God.



Seeing the truth about our need

Sometimes we come to Jesus with our wishes, asking him for things that would make us happier, like new stuff or for him to fix a problem. It is good to pray about all our needs and concerns, Jesus loves it when we ask him, but do we see what we really need? We need him to rescue us from sin and death.



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Jesus cared for blind Bartimaeus. He healed his body and will one day make an end of all sickness! But the greater need we all have is to be forgiven and to be friends with God forever. That's why Jesus went to the cross for Bartimaeus, and also for us. What amazing love!



Prayer:

Dear Father, help us to see our need of Jesus. Thank you that he died for our sins and rose again. Forgive us for not truly loving you and living for you. Thank you that you have made us your friends forever. Help us by your Spirit to follow Jesus and know that you are always with us.