

**Title:** At the Cross-Roads

**Text:** Mark 10:46-52

**Target:** The intersection of breakthrough is when desperation collides with deliverance.

- I. **Reputation of Rejection:** *“And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.”* (Vs. 46)
  - A. **Defined by Disability:** *“blind beggar”*
  - B. **Recognized by Relationship:** *“son of Timaeus”*
  
- II. **Plea of Persistence:** *“And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”* (Vs. 47)
  - A. **Statement of Faith:** *“Jesus. Son of David, have mercy on me!”* (Vs. 47)
  - B. **Seen as Frustrating:** *“And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.”* (Vs.48a)
  - C. **Shout of Faithfulness:** *“but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”* (Vs. 48b)
  
- III. **Invitation of Intercession:** *“And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.”* (Vs. 49)
  - A. **Stopping Jesus:** *“Jesus stopped”* (Vs.49a)
  - B. **Savage Jesus:** *“they called the blind man”* (Vs.49b)
  
- IV. **Sincerity of Surrender:** *“And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.”* (Vs. 50)
  - A. **A Direct Question:** *“And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?”* (Vs.51a)
  - B. **A Distinct Confession:** *“And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.”* (Vs.51b)
  
- V. **Testimony of Transformation:** *“And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately, he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.”* (Vs. 52)
  - A. **Holy Healing:** *“your faith has made you well.”*
  - B. **Eternal Eyesight:** *“immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.”*

**Takeaway:** If you got what you wanted from Jesus, would Jesus get what He wanted from you?!