

# Three Who Met Jesus

Studies in Preparation for  
Easter

An interactive Bible study for  
individuals, families,  
and LIFE Groups

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“Jesus Stopped”

Mark 10:46-52



Life Groups

**Today** we begin a new series of Bible studies. For the next 3 weeks we will focus on people who encountered Jesus as He neared the final week of His life on earth (known as Passion Week). Each week this discussion guide will help you reflect upon the Sunday sermon and apply its content to your life. Whether you work through these lessons on your own, with a friend, or in your family or LIFE Group, we believe they will help you have your own personal encounter with Jesus. If you ever miss a sermon, you can always listen to it online at [www.upc-orlando.com](http://www.upc-orlando.com).

## LISTEN

*Record your insights and observations from this week's sermon:*

## SHARE

This week, we are looking at Jesus' encounter with a blind beggar named Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52). Notice verse 51. If Jesus asked you, "What do you want me to do for you?", how would you respond?

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## REFLECT

a) Make a list of all the things Bartimaeus does in this passage (Mark 10:46-52). (Hint: Look for the verbs.)

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b) Why do you think the crowd told Bartimaeus to be quiet?

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c) From what is stated and implied in the passage, how would you describe Bartimaeus? What do you imagine his day-to-day life was like?

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d) How does Bartimaeus express his faith in Jesus?

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e) List all the things Jesus does in this passage. (Hint: Look for the verbs again.)

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f) What does this passage reveal about the character of Jesus?

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**APPLY**

a) We have seen that Jesus stopped to attend to Bartimaeus. Describe a time when someone took time out of his or her life to attend to you. What did it feel like?

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b) Often we move through life so quickly and so focused on our agenda that we leave little or no time to be “interrupted” by others. Do you have sufficient margin in your life these days? Where are you out of control? How can you create more space in your life to attend to others as Jesus did?

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c) We see several of Jesus’ character traits in this passage (love, patience, power, etc.). After studying His encounter with Bartimaeus, what is one of Jesus’ character traits that you appreciate most? How does that characteristic encourage you this week?

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d) Despite being discouraged by others and physically unable to get to Jesus by himself, Bartimaeus perseveres because he has faith that Jesus can heal him. Identify an area of your life where you need faith to persevere. Now write a prayer to Jesus, and tell Him exactly what you need:

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