

THE MOST AMAZING QUESTION JESUS ASKED— “*What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?*”

Mark 10:32–52 (text: vs. 36, 51)

Something we’ve learned by studying the questions Jesus asks is—Jesus never asks a question because He doesn’t know the answer. He asks questions to enlighten man’s mind to his spiritual condition and reveal what is in man.

When asked a question, it forces you to think. Depending on the question, it may require you to think about something you don’t want to think about. Therefore God asks questions to force us to consider things we would not normally think about.

This is one reason why people reject tracts or attending church—It forces them to confront issues they don’t want to think about.

It is my desire that this amazing question Jesus asks in our text will prompt you to think—If Jesus were to ask you this morning, “*What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?*” how would you answer? Your answer

I believe the question Jesus asks in our text is the most amazing question Jesus ever asked. When Jesus asked blind Bartimaeus, *“What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?”* Jesus put Himself smack-dab in the middle of Bartimaeus’ situation and was ready to open Heaven’s Treasure Chest just to give him what he needed.

Jesus asks this question twice in Mark 10—First to James and John, disciples of Jesus (v. 36). Then to a blind man named *“Bartimaeus”* (v. 51). Same question, but two answers that were diametrically opposite.

I. The question to James and John (vs. 35-41).

A. Revealed their IGNORANCE.

1. Jesus had just foretold what was about to happen when they arrived in Jerusalem—There would be no throne or kingdom— He would be crucified (vs. 32-34)!
 - Jesus came to pay a RANSOM (v. 45). Ransom were paid to release hostages (we were held hostage by sin!)
2. The answer of James and John shows they were completely ignorant of what they were asking for (vs. 35-38). Jesus asks —*“Can ye drink of the CUP that I drink of? And be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”*
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1. Were they only following Jesus for what Jesus could do for them?
2. Jesus already promised them a throne (Mt. 19:28—“*Verily I*

- He was aware that if his need for sight was met, all his other needs would fall into place. He would no longer be a burden on society. He would no longer be a burden to others to do things for him. Instead of receiving from others, he could be giving to others.
2. Bartimaeus is a picture of the spiritual condition of every person at birth—spiritually BLIND—In utter darkness.
- Blind to their condition... blind to God... blind to their real need (Rev. 3:17).
 - If a man dies that darkness, they will spend eternity in “*outer darkness*” where there is weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth (Mt. 25:30).

SUMMATION: When Jesus commissioned His disciples to go into all the world, He did not send them out with a check-book—Wherever you find a hungry man, buy him a meal...Wherever you find a poor man, give him a check. Jesus did not send His disciples on an humanitarian mission or a social mission.

No—Jesus sent His disciples into the world to preach the GOSPEL! The gospel is the greatest need of man. The Gospel will restore men’s sight (2 Cor. 4:3-4). When a man believes the Gospel and is saved, everything else in his life will begin to improve. When a man receives Christ, he has everything he needs.

If America spent as money propagating the Gospel within our society as it spends on it’s social programs, there would be no need for social programs. Social and welfare programs do not solve the problems. They only make people more dependent upon them. The Gospel is the need that will solve most of America’s problems.

➡How would you answer Jesus’ question? Your answer will say more about you than you realize. What would you ask for? Health... wealth... success... marital happiness... prosperity... All these things are temporal. They will never meet your greatest need—Salvation in Christ.

God asked Solomon, “*Ask what I shall give thee.*” (see 1 Kings 3:5-13).