



# Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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## *Program for Sunday, July 16, 2023*

Call to Worship: *Blessed Assurance*

Call to Worship: *To God Be the Glory*

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

- Welcome and Thanks for joining us today!!!!
- Thank you to Pam Picchi for leading us in worship this week.
- The Weekly Bible Study is meeting this week. We will be starting #5 (Faith of Abraham), which is on the back table. We will meet in the green residential house at the property at 1641 Bixler Road, on Wednesday at 6:00 PM.
- We have another fundraiser. We are collecting sneakers in any (yes, any!) condition. There is a garbage can lined with a black bag in the carport of the green house on the property. Please put your sneakers in there.
- The “GoFundMe” fundraiser website for MDC has been updated for the Property Building Project. It is going well. If you’re interested in donating please go to our website: [www.OurMDC.org](http://www.OurMDC.org) and click on the link. **You can also pick up a few business cards at the back table with the QR code to share with family & friends.**
- Please pick up Connect Cards/Envelopes in the back for offerings, prayer requests and place it in one of the offering boxes. **Please note**, for pledge card donations, please mark your gift “BF” or “Building Fund.”
- Thank you for your continued financial support of MDC.
  - Tithes & Offerings Budget (need) (as of 5/31/23): \$55,898
  - Actual Tithes and Offerings received: \$42,291

**Net Shortfall: \$-13,607**
- Please contact us for any needs, suggestions, or prayer requests:
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Adoration: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*How Great Thou Art*

Message: *The New King stops for the beggar(s).*

Thank you to Pam, for her servant’s heart, and faithfulness all these years.

Assurance/Sending: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Close of Service

## Message Notes:

**Friday Devotional: Ephesians 2:8-10** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

**Second in our new Friday series on where God meets our deepest needs:**

Scripture	Great Truth	Privilege	Responsibility
Romans 8:28-39	I am never separated from His Irrevocable love!	My salvation is secure!	Love Jesus as He wants to be loved.
1 John 4:7-21	God loved me first when I was the worst.	I am a new Creation and I have a new start	Love God. Love Others.
Ephesians 2:1-10	God's love motivates God's grace towards us.	We cannot earn what God wants to give.	Respond with the good works that God wants

**Who is this guy?**

- **Rich** (owned property)
  - Made it, Married it, Inherited it. Legally stole it.
  - Normally, the rich hired teachers to come.
- **Young**
- **Ruler** (likely of the synagogue).
  - Respected for: Wealth, supporting the synagogue, OT knowledge.
- Ran (abnormal to run): Motivated.
- Affirms that Jesus is a good teacher.
- Religious question: concern for eternal life.
- Believes he is good, but feels there is something more.

**James and John with a favor to ask**

- They want a wish granted before stating what the wish was.
- Jesus asks them, "What do you want me to do for you?"
- Want to sit on the right hand and left hand of Jesus when Jesus comes into His kingdom.
- Rest of the disciples are upset, because they want the same thing.
- Jesus asks them if they can drink the cup and be baptized...
- Jesus says, it is up to the Father.

**Missionary Jim Elliot:** "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

**Lessons for us:**

- Disciples reveal 1<sup>st</sup> century Jewish mindset. Wealth is evidence of approval of God. Do I harbor that belief?
- Salvation, like the virgin birth is impossible for man, but is possible for God. It requires God's grace and our faith.
- Whatever we give up, we will get back, in this life, and in the life to come.
- Kingdom standard (Last -> First; First -> Last) prevails.

**Declarations:**

**Mark 8:31** And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

**Mark 9:31** For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later.

**Mark 10:33-34** saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles. 34 "They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again."

	Description	8:31	9:31	10:33-34	Passion Narrative
1	Delivered to the chief priests and scribes		X	X	14:53
2	Sentenced to death	X		X	14:64
3	Delivered to the Romans			X	15:1, 10
4	Mocked, spit upon, scourged			X	14:65, 15:15-20
5	Executed	X	X	X	15:20-39-44
6	Resurrected	X	X	X	16:1-8

**Two paths lay open before us:**

Path of Pride:	Path of Humility:
Promote one's self.	Self denial.
Carnal.	Spiritual.
Worldly.	Heavenly.
Rewarded in this world.	Rewarded in the next world.
Satan's puppet.	Servant of God.
Manipulative.	Other-centered.
Arrogance.	Blessed.

**Our example is Jesus:**

**Philippians 2:3-11** 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant,

and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **The New King stops for the beggar(s Mark 10:46-52):**

Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." 50 Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. 51 And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!" 52 And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.

### **Let's unpack the story:**

- It is in: Mark 10:46-52, Matthew 20:29-34, Luke 18:35-42
- To or from Jericho?
- One or two blind beggars?
- Pilgrim road, Jericho to Jerusalem
- 15 to 17 miles, winding, narrow, dangerous, steep.
- From 1,200 feet below sea level to 2,400 feet above.
- End of Balfour Road to Mt. Diablo entrance.
- Walking: 6 ½ to 7 ½ hours.
- Bartimaeus:
  - "Son of Timaeus", Son of honored one. Son of unclean.
- We don't know the details of his blindness.
- 1<sup>st</sup> century, considered punishment by God.
  - Considered unclean.
  - "Holy" people do not associate.
- Could not work; only beg.
- Bartimaeus is begging on the pilgrimage road for the religious people traveling for the Passover.
- Jesus the Nazarene: "safe" name.
  - Traveling to Jerusalem, for Passover, to suffer, die and resurrect.
- Bartimaeus: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

- Messianic title. Dangerous.
- Crowd: “Be Quiet!”
- Bartimaeus cries out more.
- And Jesus stopped.
- Crowd changes their mind.
- Bartimaeus throws his cloak aside.
- Jesus asks, “What do you want me to do for you?”
  - Same question asked of James and John.
  - Requires vocalization/ confession.
- “Your faith has made you well.”
  - Well: “Sozo”
- Regain sight.
- Followed Jesus (code for disciple).
  - No more begging.
  - Only healed person who is identified as a follower.

### **What does all that mean for today?**

- I am poor. I am blind.
- Desperately, I need to beg for mercy.
- Declare that Jesus is the Son of David (promised One).
- Jesus died for my wrongdoings.
- I am not entitled (complaint vs. gratitude).
- Jesus is the King. Jesus is serving the lowly.
- Jesus is our example.
- If Jesus did not stop, we have no hope.
- Faith in Jesus, within the will of God, will make us well.
- What we want from God reveals a lot about us.
- Answered prayer:
  - In (desperation) faith, Trusting only Jesus.
  - According to His will (1 John5:14)
- I believe that God can heal.
- I need the same trust when God chooses to not heal.
- My character is more important to God than my comfort.
- Forgiveness from sin: Always a “Yes!”
  - If I am healed of sickness, I will get sick again.
  - Forgiveness with God is for always.

**You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.**

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