

The Blind Man Who Cried for Mercy

Mark 10:46-52

There once was a blind man named Bartimaeus who was a beggar.

One day while he was sitting by the side of the road begging outside of Jericho, he heard a crowd gathering. He must have wondered what everyone was so excited about. He soon heard why. The people were coming to see Jesus. When Bartimaeus knew that Jesus was near, he began to cry out, "Jesus, have mercy on me!"

Many of the people began to tell Bartimaeus to be quiet, but he kept crying out to Jesus. Then Jesus stood still and called for Bartimaeus to be brought to Him.

Now, instead of telling him to be quiet, the people said, "Good news. Get up. Jesus is calling for you."

Bartimaeus threw down his coat and came to Jesus. Jesus asked Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"I want to see," Bartimaeus answered.

Jesus told Bartimaeus that his faith had made him whole. Immediately, Bartimaeus could see, and he followed Jesus.

We can be certain that Bartimaeus was glad that he didn't listen to the crowd when they told him to be quiet. If he had listened to them, he would have remained blind. Bartimaeus had faith in Jesus. That was all that mattered. He didn't care what anyone else said. When we are sick, or have a problem, we should go to Jesus. It doesn't matter what anyone else says. He is the answer.

Search: It was a great miracle for Bartimaeus to see. Imagine what it would be like to be blind. Hidden in the picture are some things we might miss seeing. Find a star, bible, tree, flower, bird, dog, butterfly, sun, moon, baby, candle, horse, and apple.



