



The Blind Man

Large crowds followed Jesus wherever he went, bringing their sick friends and relatives to be healed. On this day as he was leaving Jerusalem, he was again accompanied by a crowd of people.

As he drew near to Jericho they saw a blind beggar sitting by the roadside. His name was Bartimaeus .

He began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Jesus was called Son of David because he was a descendant of King David who had ruled Israel for 40 years many years before.)

The blind man's friends told him to be quiet, but he called out even louder to Jesus.

Jesus stopped and told his disciples to call Bartimaeus over to him. They said to him, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." He threw off his coat and came to Jesus. Jesus asked him what he wanted, and he said, "Rabbi, (meaning 'teacher') want to see."

Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." Immediately, he was able to see, and he followed Jesus.

What a happy day in the life of this blind man who had believed in the healing power of the Son of God!

*The story of Jesus healing the blind man can be found in Luke 18:35-43 and Mark 10:45-47.*

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