

## 1. Introduction

- a. Bartimaeus - blind man
  - son of Timaeus (Timaeus = "high value")
  - he begged at gate of Jericho
- b. Great crowd followed Jesus out of Jericho
- c. Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was there
  - he could hear very good
- d. He shouts out with a loud voice
  - "Jesus Son of David, have mercy on ~~me~~!"
  - he shouts it out twice
  - crowd tries to shush him up
  - but he does not give up
  - persistent man
- e. Jesus commands for him to be called
  - Jesus, "What do you wish Me to do for you?"
  - Bartimaeus, "Teacher, that I may receive my sight."
- f. Jesus was on his final trip to Jerusalem before Palm Sunday

## ~~2. Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus~~

## 2. Blind Man Begging for Help

- a. Bartimaeus begs by gate of Jericho
  - way to get money to feed himself
  - he did what he could do
- b. Jesus & His disciples leave Jericho
  - huge crowd following along
- c. When he hears Jesus is here at the gate, he shouts out
  - "Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me."

## 3. Many Respond With Cruelty

- a. Crowd tries to stop his shouts
- b. But he keeps shouting out for Jesus
  - he's really begging now
  - he must be heard over the noise of the crowd

## 4. Jesus Responds with Mercy

- a. Jesus stops & calls for him
- b. Crowd stops also, "He is calling you."

- 4c. Bartimaeus gets up & comes to Jesus  
- as a blind man, he would need guiding through crowd to Jesus
- d. Jesus asks him, "What do you want me to do for you?"  
- Jesus makes everything clear to both His Disciples & the crowd

5. Bartimaeus & Jesus
- a. Bartimaeus asks to receive his sight
- b. How does Jesus give mercy?  
- Jesus does not give a meal for a day  
- Jesus does not give clothes for a night  
- Jesus responds, "Go your way. Your faith has made you whole."
- c. Man's underlying problem was inability to work to take care of his own needs  
- but he believed that Jesus is son of David, the promised Jewish Messiah (sent by God)  
- Jesus gave the man his request for vision

- b. Man Responds With Obedience
- a. Bartimaeus immediately receives his sight
- b. He followed Jesus on the road among the crowd  
- he may well have been among the crowd on Palm Sunday  
- "Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."