

“Be Quiet, Bartimaeus!”

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- “Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ 48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ 49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.’ 50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. 51 So Jesus answered and said to him, ‘What do you want Me to do for you?’ The blind man said to Him, ‘Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.’ 52 Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

The Conflict

- Mark reports that the miracle occurred on *the way out* of Jericho
 - Mark 10:46 - “As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude...”
- Luke says it occurred on *the way to* Jericho
 - Luke 18:35 - “Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho...”

The City

- There were two Jerichos at the time of Jesus, about 15 miles NE of Jerusalem
 - The old Jericho from the days of Joshua was mostly abandoned
 - The new Jericho built by Herod the Great was an attractive city
- “It may be the miracle occurred as Jesus was leaving one and headed to the other”
(Expositor's Bible Commentary)

The Crowd

- Included Jesus' disciples and a great multitude
 - Mark 10:46 - “Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude...”
 - The multitude was larger as it was the time Jews were traveling to Jerusalem to observe the Passover

The Blind Man

- Two blind men
 - Matt. 20:29-32 - “30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road...”
- A certain blind man
 - Luke 18:35-43 - “35 ...a certain blind man sat by the road begging”
- Blind Bartimaeus, the beggar
 - Mark 10:46 - “...blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging”

The Encounter

- Learning that Jesus of Nazareth was walking by, Bartimaeus cried out
 - Mark 10:47 - “And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
- The crowd wanted to shut him up, but he cried out again
 - Mark 10:48 - “Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

The Encounter

- Jesus commanded Bartimaeus be called
 - Mark 10:49 - “So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.”
- Some encouraged him (Mocking)
 - Mark 10:49 - “Then they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.’”

The Encounter

- He throws aside his outer garment that might hinder him and comes to Jesus
 - Mark 10:50 - "And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus."

The Encounter

- James 1:21 - "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."
- Isa, 64:6 - "But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags"
- Heb. 12:1 - "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us"

The Encounter

- Jesus asks Bartimaeus what he wants Him to do
 - Mark 10:51 - “So Jesus answered and said to him, What do you want Me to do for you?”
 - Jesus knows all things; why did He ask?
- “The blind man said to Him, Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”
 - He already can see what is truly important
- Jesus' response
 - Mark 10:52 - “Then Jesus said to him, Go your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Encounter

- Bartimaeus received his sight
 - Mark 10:52 - “And *immediately* he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.”
- He followed Jesus and glorified God
 - Luke 18:43 - “And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.”

Persistence

- Bartimaeus persisted in spite of the efforts of others to silence him
 - Matt. 7:7-8 - “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”
- Persistence is the means by which God measures ones faith
 - Luke 18:1-8

Persistence

- Luke 18:1-8 - “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: ‘There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 ‘yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ 6 Then the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?’”

Faith

- Bartimaeus was healed because of his faith
 - Mark 5:34 - “And He said to her, Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”
- Faith is the standard by which God measures our health
 - 1John 5:14 - “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

Gratitude

- Bartimaeus followed Jesus & glorified God
 - Luke 17:12-19
- Gratitude is the standard by which God measures ones conversion
 - 1Thes. 5:18 - “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Lessons

- Physical limits do not hinder one from coming to Jesus
- The actions of others do not hinder one from coming to Jesus
- One's station in life does not prevent him from coming to Jesus