



Bartimaeus

Mark 10: 46-52

Luke 18: 35-43



Jericho

- City destroyed by Israelites in Old Testament time.
- Fresh water wells in area, thus repopulated.
- Zacheus lived here (Luke 19)
- About 15 miles NE of Jerusalem.
- About 1 days journey walking.

V46:

Jesus and his entourage leave

Encounter Bartimaeus along the way

- Blind beggar
- Son of Timaeus
- Sitting by the road side

V47:

Bartimaeus heard Jesus was coming

- Recognized who Jesus the Nazarene was.
- Cries out to the Lord.
 - “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

v48:

Bartimaeus is “Shussssshd”

- What “Shusssss’s” us today?
 - Family
 - Job
 - Peer Pressure
 - Lack of Desire
 - Bartimaeus reaction is to cry out louder.

V49:

Jesus STOPS!

- What does this say about the nature of Jesus?
 - Genuine concern for welfare of others.
 - #1 in Customer Service.
 - Still willing to wait on you today...

V50:

Bartimaeus reaction to the “call”.

- Cast his cloak (outer garment/coat) aside.
- JUMPED UP
- Came to Jesus

V51:

Bartimaeus request of Christ

- Jesus asks, “What do you want me to do for you?”
- Bartimaeus reply was simply to be made whole.
 - *Is this not what we want too?*

V52:

“Go your way; your faith has made you well.”

- How fast is the healing power of Christ?
 - IMMEDIATELY
 - Bartimaeus regains his sight and then...
 - Began following Him on the road.

Faith thoughts...

Romans 5:1 – Justified by it

II Corinthians 5:7 – Walk by it

Galatians 2:20 – Live by it

Ephesians 2:8 – Saved through it

James 1:6 – Ask in it

Conclusion

Are we traveling down the same road with Christ tonight?