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Blind Bartimaeus

By that time, they had reached Jericho; as they passed through the town, a crowd of people followed along. They came to a blind beggar, Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, who sat beside the *main* road. When he was told that Jesus of Nazareth was passing in that throng, he called out in a loud voice.

Bartimaeus: Jesus, Son of David, take pity on me and help me!

Disgusted by the blind man's public display, others in the crowd tried to silence him *until the Master passed*.

Some of the crowd: Be quiet. Shush.

Bartimaeus (*still louder*): Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!

Jesus stopped where He stood. *The crowd stopped with Him*. He told those *near the front of the crowd* to call the blind man forward.

Some of the crowd (*to Bartimaeus*): Good news! *Jesus has heard you. Listen—*He calls for you. Get up and *go to Him*.

Bartimaeus cast aside his *beggar's* robe and stepped forward, *feeling his way* toward Jesus.

Jesus: What do you want from Me?

Bartimaeus: Teacher, I want to see.

Jesus: Your faith has made you whole. Go in peace.

In that moment, Bartimaeus could see again; and from that time on, he followed Jesus.

Mark 10:46-52*

* Italic type is used in The Voice translation to indicate words not directly tied to the original language. These words bring out the nuance of the original; assist in completing ideas, and providing readers with information that would have been obvious to the original audience.

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Bartimaeus

³⁵ *James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."*

³⁶ *"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.*

³⁷ *They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."*

³⁸ *"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said."*

Mark 10:35-38

⁴⁶ *Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), **was sitting by the roadside begging.*** ⁴⁷ *When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

⁴⁸ *Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

⁴⁹ *Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."*

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ *Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.*

⁵¹ *"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.*

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

⁵² *"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and **followed Jesus along the road.***

Mark 8:10:46-52

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