

Luke 18:35-43 **Blind Man Healed at Jericho** (Bartimaeus)

35 Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. 36 And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

37 So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. 38 And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

40 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, 41 saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And he said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

42 Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." 43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Jesus had been ministering on the other side of the Jordan, still headed for Jerusalem, He crossed over and went through Jericho and great multitudes were following Him. [Matthew 19:1, 20:29, Mark 10:1, 46, Luke 19:1]
- ✚ As they approached Jericho they encountered a blind man who sat by the road. Asking the multitude what it meant, they told him Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. He cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." [Luke 18:35-38, Mark 10:46-48, Matthew 20:29-30]
- ✚ They told him to keep quiet, but he cried out the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me." [Luke 18:39, Mark 10:48, Matthew 20:31]
- ✚ Jesus stood still and called them to bring him, and asked what he wanted. The blind man said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." [Luke 18:40-41, Mark 10:49-51, Matthew 20:32-33]
- ✚ Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." 43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God. [Luke 18:42-43, Mark 10:52, Matthew 20:34]
- ✚ As they were going westward out of Jericho they encountered two blind men (Bartimaeus) sitting by the road, who when they realized that it was Jesus who was passing by, they cried out, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, **Son of David**." [Matthew 20:30, Mark 10:46-47, Luke 18:35-38]
  - ✧ The Jews knew from prophecy that the long awaited **Messiah** would be the **Son of David**.
  - ✧ The Jews today are still waiting for "**Messiah Ben David**" (**The Anointed Son of David**) whom they expect will restore Israel as a ruling nation as promised by all the prophets.
  - ✧ They have closed their eyes to the fact that Jesus was well accepted by the common people and many of the leaders of Israel as "Messiah Ben David" when He was here.
  - ✧ The blind men certainly recognized who Jesus was, and because of their faith, Jesus had compassion on them, touched their eyes, and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him. [Matthew 20:34]
    - ✧ To Bartimaeus, Jesus said "Go your way, your faith has made you well." [Mark 10:52, Luke 18:42]
  - ✧ The multitude thought the blind men to be a nuisance, and wanted them to keep quiet, but Jesus called them to Him, and healed them, giving yet another evidence as to His identity. [Matthew 20:31-34, Mark 10:48-52, Luke 18:39-43]
  - ✧ **Jesus is Messiah Ben David (the Anointed Son of David)** Just like God had said through the Angel who described Jesus to Mary before she conceived, and said,

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name **JESUS** (Savior). He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of **His father David**. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

[\[Luke 1:31-33\]](#)

- ✧ In fact Jesus should be called “**Messiah Bar David**” (the **Anointed Greater Son of David**).
- ✧ The really amazing part was the fact that so many of those who should have been the first to recognize and believe who Jesus was by the evidence of all He had demonstrated before them, were so blinded by their own religiosity that they could not recognize the truth when it was right in front of them.
  - ✧ Today we are too much like those of that day, we want to ignore the undesirable, but Jesus finds great value in them and would heal them.
  - ✧ We need to be more like the Master and have a heart for those who need Him most.