

~BARTIMAEUS (122)

(Bar-ti-mae'us) [Son of Timaeus, Honored]

- **A blind beggar** whose sight Jesus restored. **Bartimaeus** and an unidentified companion were sitting outside Jericho when Jesus and a crowd came along. **Bartimaeus** inquired what the excitement was, and when told, he began shouting; Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!
- Others sternly told him to be silent, but he was even more persistent. When Jesus called, he threw off his outer garment, hurried to the Master, and begged for recovery of his sight. Jesus, discerning the man's faith and moved to pity, cured **Bartimaeus**, who then followed him, glorifying God.
- And they came into Jericho. But as he and his disciples and a considerable crowd were going out of Jericho, **Bartimaeus**, the son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting beside the road. (Mark 10:46)
- When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he started shouting and saying; Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me! (Mark 10:47)
- At this many began sternly telling him to be silent, but he kept shouting that much more; Son of David, have mercy on me! (Mark 10:48)
- So Jesus stopped and said; Call him. And they called the blind man, saying to him; Take courage, get up, he is calling you. (Mark 10:49)
- Throwing off his outer garment, he leaped to his feet and went to Jesus. (Mark 10:50)
- And in answer to him Jesus said; What do you want me to do for you? The blind man said to him; Rabboni, let me recover sight. (Mark 10:51)
- And Jesus said to him; Go, your faith has made you well. And immediately he recovered sight, and he began to follow him on the road. (Mark 10:52)

- **Now as they were going out of Jericho a great crowd followed him. (Matthew 20:29)**
- **And, look! Two blind men sitting beside the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying; Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David! (Matthew 20:30)**
- **But the crowd sternly told them to keep silent. Yet they cried all the louder, saying; Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David! (Matthew 20:31)**
- **So Jesus stopped, called them and said; What do you want me to do for you? (Matthew 20:32)**
- **They said to him; Lord, let our eyes be opened. (Matthew 20:33)**
- **Moved with pity, Jesus touched their eyes, and immediately they received sight, and they followed him. (Matthew 20:34)**
- **Now as he was getting near to Jericho a certain blind man was sitting beside the road begging. (Luke 18:35)**
- **Because he heard a crowd moving through he began to inquire what this might mean. (Luke 18:36)**
- **They reported to him, Jesus the Nazarene is passing by! (Luke 18:37)**
- **At that he cried out, saying; Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! (Luke 18:38)**
- **And those going in advance began to tell him sternly to keep quiet, but that much more he kept shouting; Son of David, have mercy on me. (Luke 18:39)**
- **Then Jesus stood still and commanded the man to be led to him. After he got near, Jesus asked him. (Luke 18:40)**
- **What do you want me to do for you? He said; Lord, let me recover sight. (Luke 18:41)**
- **So Jesus said to him; Recover your sight. Your faith has made you well. (Luke 18:42)**

- And instantly he recovered sight, and he began to follow him, glorifying God. Also, all the people, at seeing it, gave praise to God. (**Luke 18:43**)

- In reporting this event, Mark and Matthew say it occurred when Jesus was going out of Jericho, but Luke says it was as he Jesus was getting near to Jericho.

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- Some have said that these refer to two separate incidents. On this, Joseph P. Free writes; Archaeology, however, has thrown additional light on this apparent discrepancy. Early in the **Twentieth Century A.D**, excavations were made at Jericho by Ernest Sellin of the German Oriental Society **1907-1909 C.E.**. The excavations showed that the Jericho of Jesus time was a double city. The old Jewish city was about a mile away from the Roman city. In the light of this evidence, it is possible that Matthew is speaking of the Jewish city which Christ had left, whereas Luke is speaking of the Roman, at which Christ had not yet arrived. Thus, on His way from the old to the new city, Christ met and healed the blind **Bartimaeus**. [Archaeology and Bible History, 1964, p. 295]