

## Jesus Meets Bartimaeus and Zaccheus in Jericho

Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-19:10

### Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

<sup>46</sup> Now they came to Jericho. <sup>29</sup> Then it happened as He went out of Jericho with His disciples, a great multitude followed Him. <sup>30</sup> And behold, two blind men were sitting by the road begging. <sup>35</sup> And hearing a multitude passing by, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, asked what it meant. <sup>36</sup> So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. <sup>30</sup> When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, saying, "Jesus, have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" <sup>39</sup> 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." <sup>40</sup> So Jesus stood still and commanded them to be called and brought to Him. <sup>49</sup> They they called the blind man, saying to Him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." <sup>50</sup> And throwing aside his garment, Bartimaeus rose and came to Jesus. So Jesus answered and said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" <sup>51</sup> They said to Him, "Lord, Rabboni, <sup>33</sup> that our eyes may be opened, that we may receive our sight." <sup>34</sup> So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. <sup>42</sup> Then Jesus said, "Receive your sight. Go your way; your faith has made you well." <sup>34</sup> And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him on the road, <sup>43</sup> glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

### Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus' House

19 Then *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. <sup>2</sup> Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. <sup>3</sup> And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." <sup>6</sup> So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; <sup>10</sup> for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

### Questions:

1. After teaching about riches and learning to be servants, how do two blind beggars sitting by the roadside interest Jesus? What did Jesus get from stopping to help blind beggars?
2. What motivates blind Bartimaeus to call out to Jesus so insistently? What was the attitude of the crowd to the blind beggars?
3. Why did the blind man address Jesus as "Son of David"? How is this title important as to Jesus' identity and purpose?
4. How did Jesus show a different attitude to the blind men? How did Bartimaeus react when he learned that Jesus wanted to talk with him?
5. Why did Jesus ask "What do you want Me to do for you?" when it seemed obvious their greatest need was their sight (or was it)?
6. After touching their eyes and healing them, what did Jesus do to encourage them? What effect did the miracle on their eyes have on them as a whole and on the others?
7. What do we learn about Zacchaeus in vs 1-4? How does his background compare to that of the rich young ruler who had come to Jesus earlier?
8. Jesus had warned how hard it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God? How does Zacchaeus' response to Jesus compare to the way the young ruler responded?
9. Why did Jesus invite himself to Zacchaeus' home and say "for today I must stay at your house"? How did this impact Zacchaeus and how was it received by the others who were in the crowd?
10. How did Zacchaeus express an attitude willing to repent and make a thorough change in his life? What did Jesus say about his relationship with God? Why does He say that He is also a son of Abraham?