



**Sunday Activity
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October 25, 2020
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Gospel

Gospel – Adapted from Mark 10:46-52

Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd when Bartimaeus, a blind man, who was sitting by the roadside begging, heard it was Jesus of Nazareth and cried out, “Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me.” The people told him to be quiet, but he just called out more, “Son of David, have mercy on me.” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man and told him, “Have courage. Get up, Jesus is calling you.” He threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied, “Master, I want to see.” Jesus told him, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Immediately the man received his sight and followed Jesus.

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Reflection

“Immediately the man received his sight and followed Jesus.” Those are the words at the end of today’s Gospel, and they are the key to the whole passage. In today’s Gospel, a blind man, Bartimaeus, calls out to Jesus. Even though the people tell him to be quiet, he continues calling out to Jesus, and Jesus calls him, and asks him what he wants.

“Master, I want to see.” Bartimaeus believes that Jesus can heal him. Jesus tells Bartimaeus what He tells many people that He heals: “Your faith has saved you.” This is true in more ways than one for Bartimaeus. Yes, he received his eyesight, but he received even more. Jesus told Bartimaeus to go on his way. After getting his eyesight, Bartimaeus had a choice. Which way would he go?

“Immediately the man received his sight and followed Jesus.” Bartimaeus chose to follow Jesus. He received his sight. He was able to see who Jesus is, and that He is the one who should be followed. That is the greater sight Bartimaeus received. He was able to see the Truth, and He chose to follow Him.

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Discussion Questions

Do you recognize the truth about Jesus? Have you made your choice, like Bartimaeus, to follow Him?

Is there anything in your life that you think you may not be seeing clearly? Anything you are having trouble understanding? Ask Jesus to help you see.

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Vocabulary

- David – David was the greatest king of Israel. It was predicted that God would send a king to sit on the throne of David, as king of His people forever. Jesus is that King.
- Disciple – A follower of Jesus. In today's Gospel, Bartimaeus chose to become a disciple.
- Faith – Our belief in God and what He has revealed. Bartimaeus had faith that Jesus could heal him, and was worthy to be followed.
- Mercy – Seeing someone in need and reaching out to help them.

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Fill in the Blank

- 1) Jesus had _____ on Bartimaeus.
- 2) Bartimaeus had _____ in Jesus.
- 3) Like Bartimaeus, we are called to become _____ of Jesus.
- 4) Jesus is the King forever, fulfilling a promise that God had made to _____.

- 1) What did the people tell Bartimaeus to do when he cried out to Jesus?
 - A) Touch Jesus's clothing
 - B) Yell louder so Jesus could hear him
 - C) Be quiet
 - D) Beg for money

- 2) What did Bartimaeus tell Jesus he wanted?
 - A) "I need more money"
 - B) "I want to see"
 - C) "I need a home"
 - D) "I want to have children"

- 3) What did Bartimaeus do after he received his sight?
 - A) Went home
 - B) Begged for more money
 - C) Showed the temple priests
 - D) Followed Jesus

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JERICHO
 BARTIMAEUS
 BLIND
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Fill in the Blank

- 1) Mercy
- 2) Faith
- 3) Disciples
- 4) David

Quiz:

- 1) C – Be quiet
- 2) B – “I want to see”
- 3) D – Followed Jesus