

A reading from the Gospel of Mark 10:46-52

One day Jesus and his disciples were leaving the city of Jericho, there was a blind man sitting by the side of the road begging. His name was Bartimaeus. When Bartimaeus heard that it was Jesus who was walking by, he called out, "Jesus have pity on me! Help me!"

Some of the people who were there scolded the blind man and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even louder, "Jesus, have pity on me! Help me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Tell the man to come here." So they said to Bartimaeus, "Have courage! Get up! Jesus is calling you!"

So the man jumped up, left his coat by the road, and ran to Jesus. Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to be able to see!"

Jesus said, "You are healed because you believe in me."

Immediately the man was able to see. And he became a disciple and began to follow Jesus on the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

ACTIVITY

Read and Colour The Story of Bartimaeus.

In today's Gospel, we are introduced to a blind man named Bartimaeus. He was a beggar sitting on the side of the road when Jesus happened to walk by.

When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was coming, he started to called out for His help. Although many people told Bartimaeus to be quiet he persisted. He would not give up!

When Jesus heard Bartimaeus calling He stopped to talk to him and asked him how He could help. Bartimaeus' only wish was to SEE and Jesus immediately healed him!

Bartimaeus showed great faith. Jesus only healed him because He saw how believing the blind man was. He was willing to trust that Jesus could help him. In our everyday lives, we should also try to imitate Bartimaeus' faith in Jesus- knowing that He can do anything.

