

April 30

Blind Bartimaeus Perseveres and is Healed

You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind; but you shall fear your God. I am Yahweh – Leviticus 19:14

[Mark 10:46-52, Jericho] They came to Jericho. As he went out from Jericho, with his disciples and a great multitude, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the road *begging. Hearing a multitude going by, he asked what this meant.* When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene passing by, he began to cry out, and say, “Jesus, you son of David, have mercy on me!” Many *who led the way* rebuked him, that he should be quiet, but he cried out much more, “Lord, You son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stood still, and said, “**Call him.**”

They called the blind man, saying to him, “Cheer up! Get up. He is calling you!”

He, casting away his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

Jesus asked him, “**What do you want me to do for you?**”

The blind man said to him, “Rabboni, that I may see again.”

Jesus said to him, “**Receive your sight. Go your way. Your faith has made you well.**”

Immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way, *glorifying God. All the people, when they saw it, praised God.* [Matthew 20:29-30*, Luke 18:35-43] *Matthew has two blind men; most likely, Bartimaeus was the spokesman and the other was less prominent.

1. Who rebuked Bartimaeus? Why? Why did Jesus call him and ask him what he wanted?
2. How are you blind? What will you do to be healed? Is your faith like Bartimaeus'? How?
3. Jesus, you found me begging and gave me healing, today I need healing again so that...