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# THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST

## MIRACLE THIRTY-TWO: Healing Blind Bartimaeus (Mt. 20:29-34; Mk. 10:46-52; Lk. 18:35-43)

### SURVEY

Two blind beggars, one named Bartimaeus, sitting outside of Jericho learn that Jesus was approaching. Both immediately cry out for mercy.

The Savior: *"What do you want me to do for you?"*

The sightless: *"We want to see."*

Filled with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes, causing them to instantly reclaim their sight.

### SIGNIFICANCE

- Of the sixteen healing events, involving some twenty-six people, only one is named — Bartimaeus.
- This is also the only New Testament miracle associated with the city of Jericho.
  1. The most famous Old Testament miracle concerning Jericho occurred in Joshua 6:20 (the shouting down of Jericho's walls).
  2. The final Old Testament miracle concerning Jericho is recorded in 2 Kings 2:18-22 (the purifying of some poisoned water).

### SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- This marks Jesus' final visit to Jericho. He will now leave for Jerusalem (see Mt. 20:29). Before this, He had told the story of a man who left Jerusalem for Jericho (the parable of the Good Samaritan—Lk. 10:25-37). But now the original Good Samaritan would reverse the trip, leaving Jericho for Jerusalem, where He would soon "fall among thieves."
- Note the spiritual insight of the blind beggar:
  1. He asked the right person - *"Jesus, thou Son of David."*
  2. He asked in the right way - *"Have mercy on me."*

It has been said that God will hush every harp in heaven to hear this kind of prayer!
  3. He asked at the right time - *"And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."* (Lk. 18:36-37)
  4. He asked for the right thing - *"... that I might regain my sight."*