



Lesson Seven

Jesus Gives Sight

Heart Preparation

Blind Bartimaeus needed help and he called out to Jesus, the Son of David, the only One who could give him the kind of help he needed. Jesus heard his cry of faith, his call for mercy. And in the midst of the jostling, impatient crowd, Jesus stopped in his tracks and lovingly focused on the man and his suffering.

Jesus saw the faith God had given the blind beggar, and he extended the mercy of the kingdom of God to Bartimaeus. “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.”

With the eyes of faith, the blind man had rightly recognized Jesus as God’s instrument of deliverance: As the Son of God, Jesus had the power to heal; as the Savior, he willingly delivered Bartimaeus from his blindness.

What a glad day for the healed man! Luke tells us that in response to this great mercy, Bartimaeus followed Jesus, praising God in a way that led others who had witnessed the miracle to praise God as well.

Having experienced the great kindness of the Savior in our own lives, we can do no less: the Lord *has* heard our cries, and he wants us to never forget to call on him for help. Through faith, we can trust him to provide for our needs and guide us through all our troubles. Nothing is too hard for him to handle.

May you affirm the words of the psalmist—“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry” (Psalm 40:1)—and glorify God for his saving help.

Bible Background

By identifying Jesus as the “Son of David,” Bartimaeus was acknowledging Jesus as Messiah and King. The popular title was taken from Old Testament references to the Messiah of God’s people who would come from the line of David (Jeremiah 23:5; Ezekiel 34:23–24; Micah 5:2).



Bible Truth

Jesus showed compassion by healing a blind beggar who cried out to him in faith.

Scripture

Mark 10:46–52 (see also Matthew 20:29–34 and Luke 18:35–43)



Lesson Focus

Jesus wants his children to call on him in faith.

Goals for the Children

- State that Jesus healed a blind beggar to show people he was God.
- State that Jesus did miracles so that people would trust him as God, their Savior.
- Name specific kinds of help to ask Jesus for.



Memory Minute

[Jesus said] “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.”

Luke 8:39a