



Cheer Up, He's Calling You!

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." ⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

1. A double despair

▼ *Bartimaeus was blind*

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- ▶ *Joshua came to Jericho – 1400.BC*
- ▶ *Jesus came to Jericho – 33.AD*

▼ *Bartimaeus was begging*

⁴⁶ was sitting by the roadside begging.

2. A desperate determination

▼ *He shouted in faith*

⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David,

- ▶ *This was a confident shout*
- ▶ *This was a crowning shout*

▼ *He shouted for favor*

⁴⁷ "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

▼ *He shouted with fervency*

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

- ▶ *Hear the callous critics*
- ▶ *Hear his continued cries*

I Would Not Be Denied – Charles P. Jones, 1900

VERSE 1 When pangs of death seized on my soul, Unto the Lord I cried; Till Jesus came and made me whole, I would not be denied.

CHORUS ***I would not be denied, I would not be denied, Till Jesus came and made me whole, I would not be denied.***

VERSE 2 As Jacob in the days of old, I wrestled with the Lord; And instant, with a courage bold, I stood upon His Word.

VERSE 3 Old Satan said my Lord was gone And would not hear my prayer; But praise the Lord, the work is done, and Christ the Lord is here.

3. A divine deliverance

▼ *Jesus stopped and summoned Bartimaeus*

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- ▶ *Note his royal reception*
- ▶ *Note his rapid response*

▼ *Jesus solicited specifics from Bartimaeus*

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▼ *Jesus supplied sight to Bartimaeus*

⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight

4. A debtor's devotion

▼ *He received a new focus from Jesus*

⁵² Immediately he received his sight

▼ *He received a new future as a follower of Jesus*

⁵² Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Messages from the Miracle

1. Your troubles in life may be complicated and compounded, but Jesus can bring miracles into the midst of the misery – so call out to him!
2. No one understands your desperation as well as you yourself and the Lord, so don't be hindered from getting to Jesus by friends or foes!
3. In every season and every struggle, Jesus is calling you to himself — so cheer up, throw your baggage aside, jump up and get to Jesus!