

Face to Face Bible Bits

6. God looks for mercy, God looks with mercy

Jesus and his disciples went to Jericho. And as they were leaving, they were followed by a large crowd.

A blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting beside the road.

When he heard that it was Jesus from Nazareth, he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

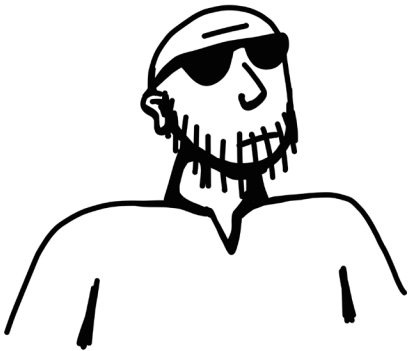
Many people told the man to stop, but he shouted even louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him over!”

They called out to the blind man and said, “Don’t be afraid! Come on! He is calling for you.” The man threw off his coat as he jumped up and ran to Jesus. Jesus asked, “What do you want me to do for you?”

The blind man answered, “Master, I want to see!”

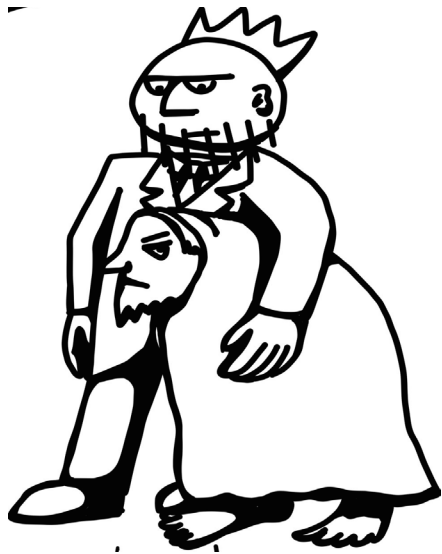
Jesus told him, “You may go. Your eyes are healed because of your faith.”

Right away the man could see, and followed him on the road.



Read more in Mark chapter 10 verses 42-56

Bonus Bit: The blind beggar Bartimaeus was at the bottom of the heap, and we can understand him crying out to Jesus to have mercy on him, but he called out the same ‘have mercy’ prayer as the biggest hero-king of his people’s history. Turns out whether you’re a rock bottom blind beggar or the richest royal in the realm, time will come you’ll need the mercy of God, and once you’ve been shown mercy by God, you’ll want to be merciful to others. We’re



*all just human after all, no matter our luck in life.
Read here the prayer the King David cried out to
God, and which Begging Bartimaeus cried out to
Jesus.*

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
wipe away my sins.
(*Read more in Psalm 51*)