

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 208 Eyes that see!

**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES:** Mark 10:46-52



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

**LOOKING FURTHER:** James 2:14-26; Hebrews 10:35-37.

### What does the Bible passage tell us?

In this passage, we are told the story of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar whose meeting with Jesus leads to a miraculous healing. Although it is an account of a physical healing, it speaks of faith, persistence and the life-changing power of encountering Jesus.

Bartimaeus' cry showed his desperate need for help. Despite the crowd's attempts to silence him, Bartimaeus persisted, shouting even louder. His unwavering faith and determination got the attention of Jesus. That is a powerful reminder that, in our own lives, faith often requires persistence. We may face opposition or discouragement. But true faith pushes through these barriers, knowing that Jesus hears our cries.

May we, like Bartimaeus, have the courage to seek Jesus with unwavering faith, to leave behind anything that hinders us, and to follow Him faithfully along the journey of life. The chorus of a popular hymn says it best:

'At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away, It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!' -Isaac Watts and Ralph E. Hudson

### Reflection

- Read the passage Hebrews 10:35-37 and reflect on your personal situation: Are there issues that are persistently difficult? Don't lose hope!
- Are there areas in your life where you might need to see more clearly? Is there a situation where you need to call out to God for help and direction?
- How might God be calling you to follow him closely?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

