

Spiritually Blind  
Mark 10:46-52  
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Two blind beggars by the side of the road near Jericho heard of Jesus passing their way and cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus heard them and commanded them to be called forward. Some, hearing the Lord's words, encouraged the blind men. "Be of good cheer," they said, "Rise, He is calling you."

Immediately, outer garments were thrown aside and the blind men rose and hurried to the Savior's side. "What do you want Me to do for you," Jesus said. The answer must have been as filled with passion and humble pleading as the most sincere of beggars could muster. "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." Rabboni was a Jewish term of respect used to address their teachers. It originated as an address used by slaves to their masters. It meant "my great one" or "great master."

How earnest their words must have been. Think of it! To be blind. All light shut out. Not to see those who spoke. Not to see loved one except by touch, or to appreciate a flower except by smell. The beauty of a sunrise or sunset totally blotted from view! I'm sure it is not really possible for the sighted to fully appreciate the longing in the breasts of these sightless, a longing which formed the plea, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

They did not have to wait. The answer came quickly. Jesus said, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." Immediately their darkness was filled with light and forms, and the blind men saw clearly.

Actually, they had not been so blind as many sighted who saw the Lord Jesus walking those roads. They recognized Jesus of Nazareth as the Savior. Though their eyes were covered with a film of darkness, their hearts had 20/20 vision. They had faith, and because of that faith the mercy of God shrouded them with the richest blessing they could imagine.

Many today are spiritually blind - lost in the darkness of sin. Perhaps you are among them. If you are, won't you believe in Jesus Christ? Submit yourself to Him as a obedient slave crying, "Rabboni, have mercy upon me!"