



Scripture Reflection This Week

Mark 10: 46-52

In the healing of Bartimaeus, we see the entire story of salvation history played out in a single interaction. Bartimaeus goes from sitting along the side of the road blind and broken calling out to Christ. We then see how Christ stops all He is doing to spend time with him. Bartimaeus, meeting Christ on the road, is healed not solely through the supernatural power of God but also through his faith in Christ. Following this, Bartimaeus follows Christ, his savior and physician, up to Jerusalem, the place of the Lord's ultimate passion.

Like Bartimaeus, we are called to cry out to God in our brokenness and walk the path with Christ. Our faith should not only stir in us a desire to pray to God in our times of need but also drive us to help those around us as we follow Christ on His way to Jerusalem. Teresa of Avila reminds us all that in the world today, Christ has no better hands, feet, or eyes to work wonders on earth than ours. Our faith encourages us to take the time to stop what we are doing and lend a helping hand and friendly ear to all of those we meet along the road of life. We must always remember, how we get to the New Jerusalem with Christ is just as crucial as getting there.