

# The Miracles of Jesus Skit #1

## Blind Bartimaeus. Mark 10 46 – 52

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Performers 4

The Lord Jesus/Narrator

Bartimaeus

Simon Peter

Ganga The Rastafarian

Props

Metal cup with metal object in it

White cane

Reggae hat with dreads

3 x tea towels and headbands

Narrator: “When the Lord Jesus made His final trip to Jerusalem as He passed through Jericho, blind Bartimaeus sat by the roadside begging. Bartimaeus had heard rumours about the miracles that were being performed throughout Israel. And, he believed that if Jesus could heal Cripples and Lepers, He could also restore his Sight. So, he began to cry out “Jesus thou son of David, have mercy on me!” Others told him to be quiet, but he knew this was the only opportunity he would ever get to have his Sight restored. “So” he cried out even louder, “Jesus, Thou son of David...Have...Mercy...On...Me!” and the Lord heard his cry.”

Bart (Rattling his cup.) “Spare a coin for a poor blind man.....Spare a coin for a poor blind man.”

(Voices as Jesus and others arrive.)

Bart “What’s that?.....What’s happening?”

Ganga “It iss Jes-us, de Prophet from Nazaret...He passin’ by wit’ his Disciples... dey on da road to Jerusalem.”

Bart “The Prophet?.....The One who heals?”

Ganga "Yes.....de Prophet"

Bart "Jesus.....Thou son of David.....Have Mercy on Me!"

Ganga "Quiet Man!"

Bart "Jesus...Thou son of David...Have...Mercy...On...Me!"

Ganga "Quiet Man!"

Jesus (Stops and looks around) "Who is that calling for Me?"

Simon P "It's the Beggar...he's blind Master."

Jesus "Bring him here."

Bart "Jesus, Thou....."

Simon P "Come here Beggar."

Ganga "Hey...yo' can be quiet now an' be of good comfort Man.....arise.....de Master callin for yo!"

Bart (Handing his cane to Ganga) "I won't need this any longer....Master!....Master!"

Simon P "Over here."

Bart "Are you Jesus the Prophet from Nazareth?"

Jesus "I am and what is it that you would have me do?"

Bart (Pleading softly.) "Lord, that I might receive my sight!"

Jesus (Reaching an arm out to Bartimaeus.)

Bart ".....And see what I'm eating once again!.."

Jesus (Reaching out again.)

Bart "...And see what I'm wearing...Yes!..And if they're on the right way around!..."

Jesus (Reaching out again.)

Bart ".....And see if my sandals are on the right feet!..."

Jesus (Reaching out again.)

Bart "...And if they're the same pair!"

Jesus (Reaching out again.)

Bart ".....And see what my wife *really* looks like!..."

Ganga "Orkay Mun...Orkay...We know! We know!"

Jesus "Do you believe I am able to do this for you?"

Bart "I do Master....I do!"

Jesus "Then go your own way....Your faith has made you whole."

Bart (Opening eyes.) "I see! I see!" (Jumping in the air and dancing around) "Yes! Yes! Yes!" (Looking at Ganga.) " Oh no!...You're not my wife are you?"

Ganga "No Mun."

Bart "Good.....I think I'd rather be blind...Yes! Yes! I see! I see!"

Narrator "Colossians 1 v 16 tells us "By Him," that is by Jesus Christ, "were all things created." He created every pair of Eyes, and Hands, and Feet. And the One who created them in the first place can restore them back to health.

Sight is a wonderful thing. To see what we are eating and wearing. To see the expressions on the faces and friends is priceless. And, Bartimaeus pleaded "Lord, that I might receive my sight!" he had often dreamed of seeing once again, and his plea was heard and answered.

But, Sight can be a terrible thing too. The Lord Jesus told us "Whoever looks on a woman to lust after her *has* committed adultery with her." And he went on to say "If thine eye offends thee" meaning if it causes you to offend, "pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire."

He also said “if thy hand offend thee: cut it off it is better for thee to enter life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell” And he said “If thy foot offend thee cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell.”

He was warning us how dangerous Sin is. But, because Sin is not immediately judged, we don't comprehend the seriousness of it. Ecclesiastes 8 v 11 tells us “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of man is fully set in them to do evil.” And they do.

But, how far are we prepared to go to shun Sin? Do we see it as the danger that the Lord Jesus sees it as? Or, do we see it as something that can be trifled with? If Sin was like the plague and we knew that once we caught it, there were no second chances, we were dead, we would run from it. And that's how it should be. We should live Clean, Holy lives, and shun Sin like the Plague.”

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