**Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus**

Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him.

A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

“Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him.

But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, “Tell him to come here.”

So they called the blind man. “Cheer up,” they said. “Come on, he’s calling you!”

Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked.

“My rabbi,” the blind man said, “I want to see!”

And Jesus said to him, “Go, for your faith has healed you.” Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

Mark 10:46-52 *(New Living Translation)*

**“JUST AS IF I WERE THERE…”**

**- ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN A GOSPEL SCENE -**

* **Select an “action passage” from one of the gospels**
* **Ask to know Jesus in an intimate way**
* **Read the passage several times, slowly and reflectively, until it becomes familiar. Each time you read, focus your imagination on what you are reading. Notice as many details as possible until your imagination is “saturated” with the gospel scene**
* **Place yourself in the scene – wherever you feel drawn – and simply let the prayer unfold**

(Suppose, for example, that you have read about Jesus quieting the storm on the lake. You might imagine the wind howling, the boat pitching, the disciples struggling with the oars. You may even be in the boat with them helping out – or you may find yourself to be one of them. Listen to what is said; interact with others in the story, in whatever ways you find yourself as part of the event that is present to you…)

* **At the end of your time of prayer, take a few minutes to reflect on what took place during the prayer. Speak to God from your heart – ask what his “word” or invitation to you may be…**

**Some suggestions for this way of prayer:**

**Jesus feeds the five thousand John 6:1-13**

**Healing of Bartimaeus Mark 10:46-52**

**Call of the disciples Luke 5:1-11**

**Jesus walks on water Matthew 14:22-33**

**Jesus calms a storm Luke 8:22-25**

**Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10**