



1st Reading: Jer 31:7-9
Responsorial: Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
2nd Reading: Heb 5:1-6
Gospel: Mk 10:46-52



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time- "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Today we hear a story of healing, but more than that, it is a story of great faith. To appreciate Mark's writing, let's put this event in context of the what is taking place. Bartimaeus, a blind man hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, and he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus recognizes Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want from me?" Bartimaeus says, "Master I want to see." Jesus says, "Go... your faith has saved you." Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. Bartimaeus shows has great faith as he calls out to the "Son of David," and his faith has a response...he follows Jesus on the way. This particular reading today is significant as to where it is placed in Mark's Gospel. The reference to Jesus as the The "Son of David", is found just before Jesus enters Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Passover. Mark prepares us in this reading for the final episodes of his Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover, his triumphant entry into Jerusalem and through the Passion.

Reflection/Discussion Questions:

- What healing or mercy are you seeking from Jesus at this time?
- What do you most want to be able to "see" in your own life?
- How are you blind?
- What does it mean for you to "see"? Are there blind spots in your life?

Word-sunday.com - Trust Walk (Family Faith Builder)

"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."

- Mark 10:49



[YouTube](#) - CatholicKidsMedia 30B



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October 23 - 30

Today is World Mission Sunday



'I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptised man and woman is a mission.' This goes to the heart of our baptismal call.

- Pope Francis.

How are you being called to be a missionary disciple?

World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement. It is celebrated on the second to last Sunday of October every year. It was created by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as the day of prayer for mission. "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20)

Worldmissionmonth.org - Help the Pope's Missions

Missio.org - Mission in Scripture

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

- vatican.va - Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2021 (Adult Faith Builder)
- loyolapress.com - Saints Simon and Jude Feast Day October 28 (Kids Faith Builder)
- Vibrantfaithprojects.org - Apples to Share (Family Faith Builder)
- Catholiccuisine.blogspot.com - Cuban Cuisine on St. Anthony Mary Claret Feast Day Oct 24 (Family Faith Builder)
- Bustedhalo.com - 3 Ways to Keep the Faith This School Year (Family Faith Builder)
- Catholicmom.com - Color and pray the Rosary Coloring Sheet (Kids Faith Builder)

