

I Want to See

Mark 10:46 – 11:11

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Jesus and his followers were going to Jerusalem. They passed through Jericho. As they were leaving the city a blind beggar named Bartimaeus started shouting from the side of the road, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" People in the crowd tried to hush him up, but he just shouted all the more.

Jesus asked the man, "What can I do for you?"

"Teacher, I want to see."

"Then see. Your faith has healed you." Immediately Bartimaeus could see and he followed Jesus.

When they were getting close to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, Jesus told two of his disciples, "Go to the next village. As soon as you enter it, you'll find a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it to me. If anyone asks what you're doing, just say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back shortly.' "

The two went off and found everything just the way Jesus said it would be. While they were untying the colt, some bystanders questioned what they were doing. They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.

They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over its back. Jesus sat on it. As he rode along, many people took their cloaks or branches they had cut and spread them on the road in front of him, welcoming their king.

Then the whole crowd shouted:

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom
of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. He looked around the Temple, and then went out to spend the night in Bethany.