

## SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

### SUNDAY 30 YEAR B—Mark 10:46-52

Liturgy Sunday 29B Mark 10:35-45 James and John; Service  
Sunday 30B Mark 10:46-52 Bartimaeus  
Sunday 31B Mark 12:12-34 'There is no commandment greater than these.'

Scripture Mark 10 ...Passion prediction (32-34) James & John; Service (35-45) Bartimaeus (46-52)  
Mark 11 Palm Sunday (1-10) Fig tree (12-25) Authority (27-33) Mark 12 Parable of the Vineyard (1-11)  
Tax to Caesar (12-17) Much-married woman (18-27) Greatest commandment (28-34) At the temple (35-44)

Ἐλέησον Eleēson, have mercy! from eleeo, to show eleos, mercy, pity, compassion. Same as the *Kyrie/Christe eleison* of the Mass.

Θάρσει tharsei, from tharseo. I am of good courage, good cheer, I am bold. Tharsos is courage.

Ἐγειρε Egeire, from egeiro, wake rouse, raise up. This word is sometimes used for resurrection, but less commonly than "anastasis", which also has an everyday meaning of getting up. Has a sense of getting up from when one has been asleep.

And as he was going out from Jericho, together with his disciples and a large crowd, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, **blind** beggar, was sitting beside the way. And having heard it to be Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and to say, "Son of David, Jesus, **have mercy** on me." And many were **rebuking**

him, that he should be silent. But he kept crying out much more, "Son of David, have mercy on me." And having stopped, Jesus said that he should be called [to him]. And they called the blind man, saying to him, "**Be of good courage! Get up!**

He calls you." And having thrown away his cloak, having scrambled up, he came to Jesus. And answering him, Jesus says, "**What do you desire that I should do for you?**" And the blind man said to him, "Rabboni, that I may receive sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go, your faith has healed you." And immediately he received sight and he began to follow after him on the way.

τυφλὸς typhlos, blind. The word alone doesn't distinguish between blind from birth and blind later on, or made blind.

ἐπετίμων epeti-mōn, to honour or to rebuke. Compare "to put someone in their place", which might be good but never is.

This is the same question Jesus asked James and John earlier in the chapter.

### Jerusalem Bible

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

### Revised Standard Version

[46] And they came to Jericho; and as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimae'us, a blind beggar, the son of Timae'us, was sitting by the roadside.

[47] And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

[48] And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

[49] And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you."

[50] And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus.

[51] And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight."

[52] And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.