

April 19, 2026

Matthew

- 14 Courage—John Beheaded & Jesus Walks on Water
- 15 Devotion—What DEFILES, Canaanite Woman & Feed 4,000
- 16 Jesus—Peter Declares “You Are the Messiah”
- 17 Glory—Transfiguration & Heals Demon Possessed Boy
- 18 Forgiveness—Greatest in Kingdom & Parables of Wandering Sheep & UNMERCIFUL SERVANT
- 28 Resurrection Commission—Happy Easter
- 19 Eternal Life—Divorce, Children, Rich & the Kingdom
- 20 Grace—Vineyard Workers Parable & BLIND Men SEE
- 21 Authority—Jesus’ Triumphal Entry & Temple Parables of Two Sons & of the Tenants
- 22-23 Honor—Marriage Banquet Parable & Greatest Commands
- 24 Alert—Temple Destruction & NO ONE Knows the HOUR
- 25 Active Faith—Parables of Virgins, Bags of Seed
- 26 Atonement—Last Supper & Jesus’ Arrest
- 27 Our Savior—Betrayal & Crucifixion



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650
by Nicolas Poussin

YOU & I, too,
we want to **SEE**

Sea
of
Galilee

Matthew 20:32-33 Jesus ... called them.
“What do you want me to do for you?”
“Lord,” they answered, “we want to **SEE**.”

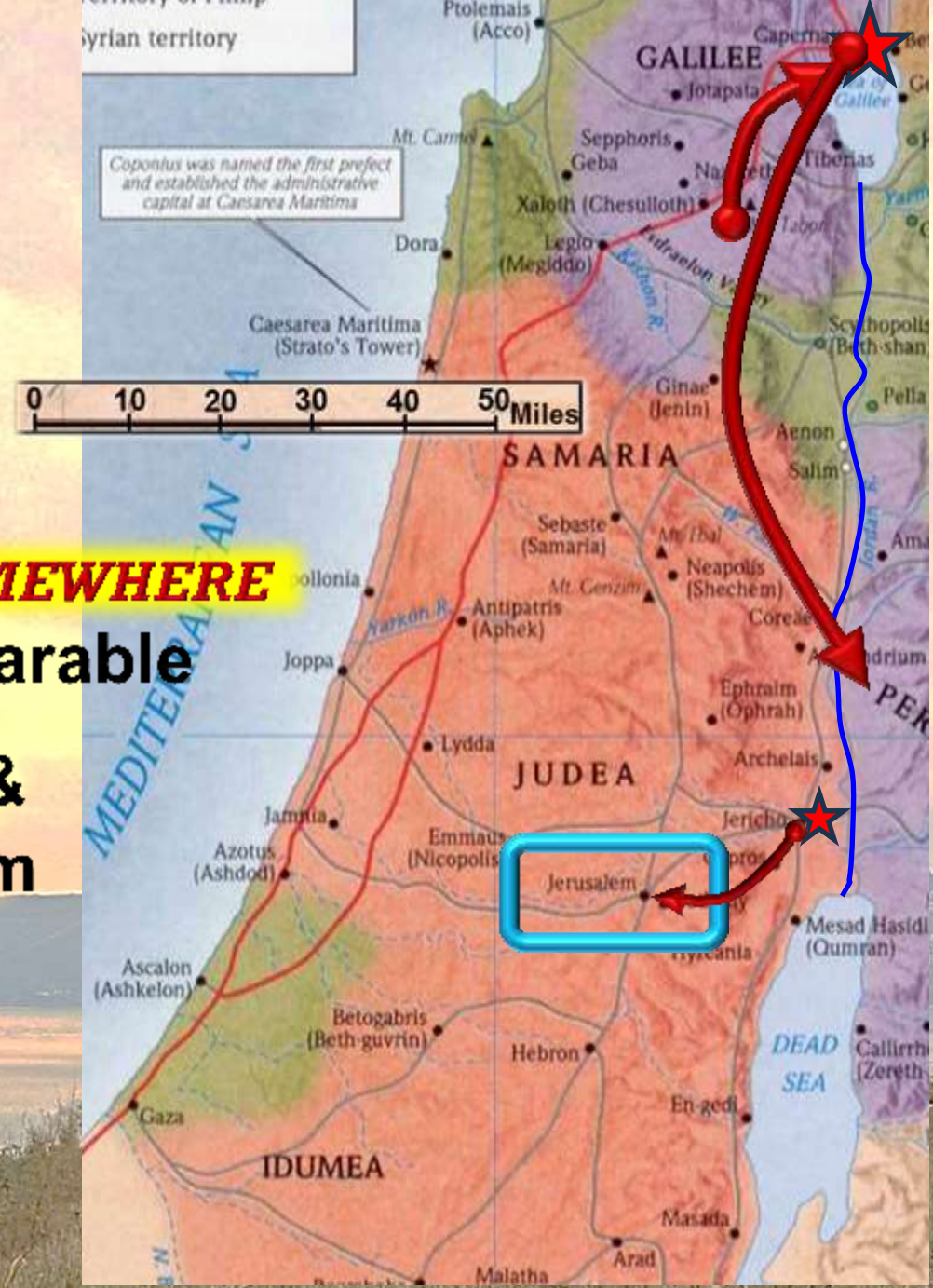
From Matthew 17-18, Jesus & disciples go from Mt Tabor to to Capernaum

Matthew 19:1 When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee & went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan.

Jesus still on the East Side of Jordan—**SOMEWHERE**

Matt 20 opens Vineyard Workers' parable

END of Matt 20, they are in Jericho & trying to leave & go up to Jerusalem



Matthew 20

20:1-16 Parable Vineyard Workers—*Last PAID the Same as First*

20:17-19 Jesus Predicts Death a Third Time

20:20-28 Mother's Request for Sons to Sit at Right Hand

20:29-34 Blind Men Healed Outside Jericho

Harmony of the Gospels – ALL seem to agree on timeline

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Rich Young Man	19:16-30	10:13-16	18:15-17	---
Vineyard Workers Parable	20:1-16	---	---	---
Jesus Foretells Suffering	20:17-19	10:32-34	18:31-34	---
James & John's Ambition	20:20-28	10:35-45	---	---
2 Blind & Bartimaeus Healed	★ 20:29-34	★ 10:46-52	★ 18:35-42	---
Visit to Zacchaeus	---	---	19:2-10	---
Parable of Ten Minas	---	---	19:11-27	---
Jesus Anointed at Bethany	26:6-13	14:3-9	---	12:2-8
Jesus' Triumphal Entry	21:1-11	11:1-11	19:29-44	12:12-19

Notice –

- Matthew has 2 Blind Men
- Mark has Blind Bartimaeus
- Luke's *nameless* Man quotes Bartimaeus

Jerusalem

Jerusalem

• Notice Matthew, Mark, & Luke place foretelling of suffering ENROUTE to Jerusalem

**Today, the Nameless Blind Man called Bartimaeus –
who's name means Son of Timaeus – meaning he has
NO Name of his own . . . NO unique name**

**Son of Timaeus – is BLIND – Cannot SEE – has Never SEEN
MANY words have NO MEANING to him – zero meaning**

- **Sunset – Stars – Smile –**
- **Horizon – Blue Sky – Pretty –**
- **Red – Gray – Green – Magenta – Yellow**
- **What do “Words” look like?**
- **How do you describe “Clouds” to the Blind?**
- **How do you tell a Blind man what he is MISSING?**

***Impossible* – so we simply do NOT even try**

Since YOUR eyes have been opened to Christ, how do YOU share



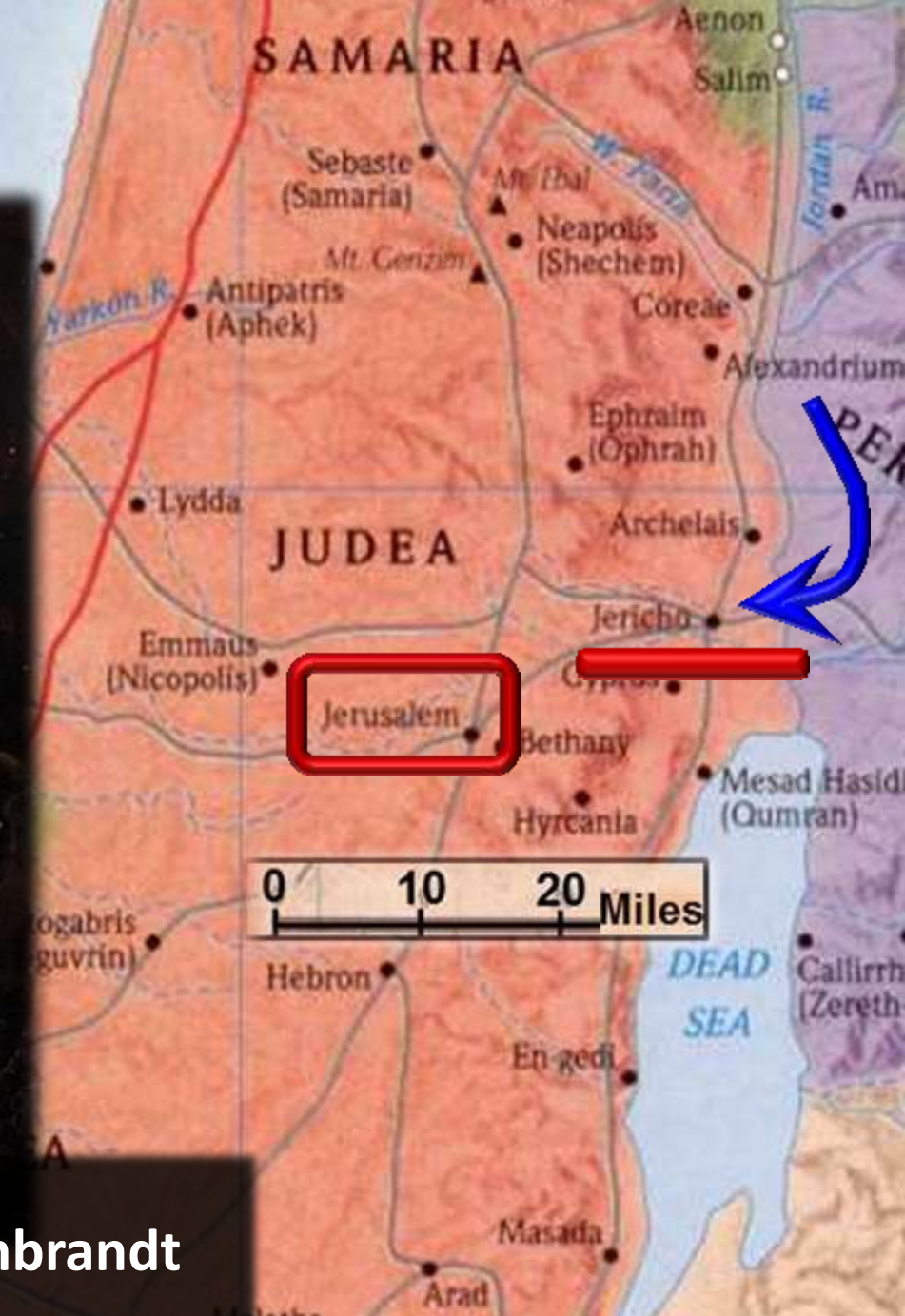
A warm, golden sunset or sunrise over a body of water with soft clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of orange and yellow. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the light from the sky.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Joslin Grove Choral Society

Still East of Judea East of Jordan River
as they go to Jerusalem *through* Jericho

He tells a parable of a landowner



Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard, 1637, by Rembrandt

20:1-2 landowner finds workers in morning
all agree to denarius a day

3-4 At 9 a.m., work and trust me

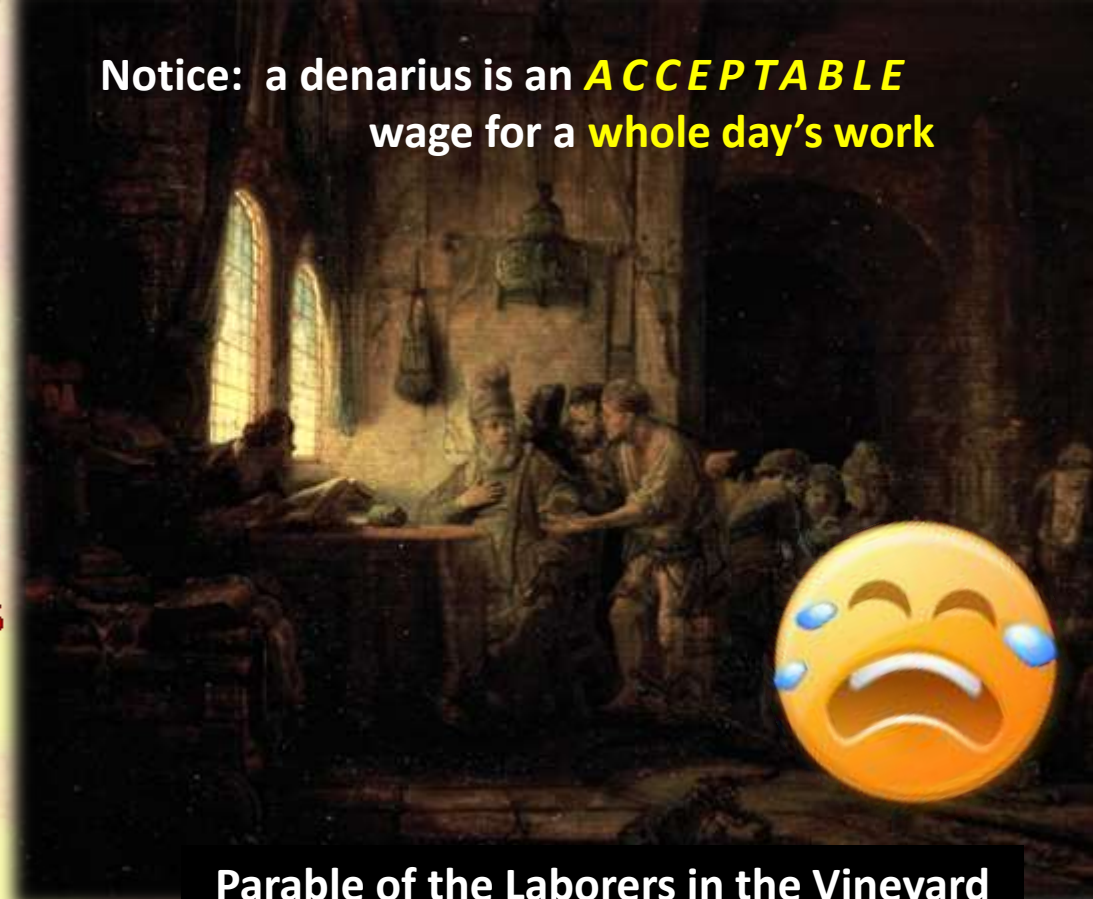
5 At noon & 3 p.m., work and trust me

6-7 At 5 p.m., some still want to work

8-9 At evening, he pays wages ...
the last are first, ALL get a denarius

10 Those who worked all day
THOUGHT they would receive more,
but only get only a denarius too
NOT happy campers

Notice: a denarius is an **ACCEPTABLE**
wage for a **whole day's work**



Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard
1637, by Rembrandt

Denarius, A.D. 73,
Vespasian



**Parable of the
Laborers in the
Vineyard, 1637
by Rembrandt**



Parable of Landowner Paying Last Hour, by Jacob de Wet (1632–1675)



11-12 They grumbled against
the landowner.

13-15 Unfair to them? –
Didn't you agree?

“Don't I have the right to do what
I want with my own money?
Or are you envious because
I am generous?”

16 “So the last will be first, and the
FIRST will be LAST.”

We too have a little trouble

SMALL trouble, yet understand the workers' FEELINGS



**Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard
1637, by Rembrandt**

**17 Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem.
On the way, he took the Twelve aside
and said to them,**

**You know - a confidential Powwow
Pulls them aside to SHARE his heart
Pulls them aside to CONFIDE ...**

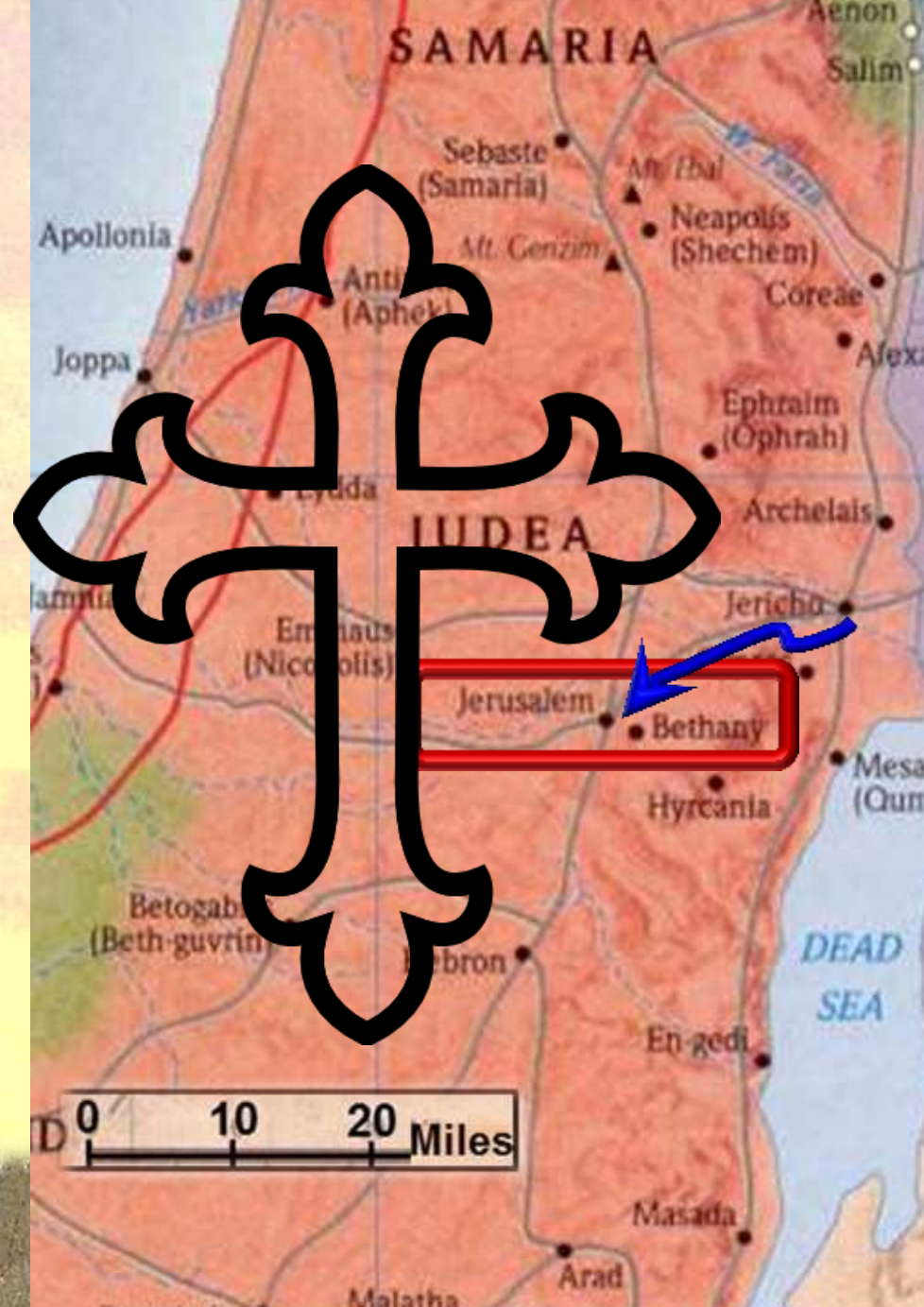
Jesus KNOWS what is going to happen

Jesus KNOWS that it will SHOCK them

Jesus will also go to Gethsemane ...

so, though courageous, it is TERRIBLE

NOT easy going to the cross!



Jesus tells them the most
horrendous future ...

18-19 Jesus tells them of his coming
MOCKING, FLOGGING, & CRUCIFIXION
... and being raised on third day.

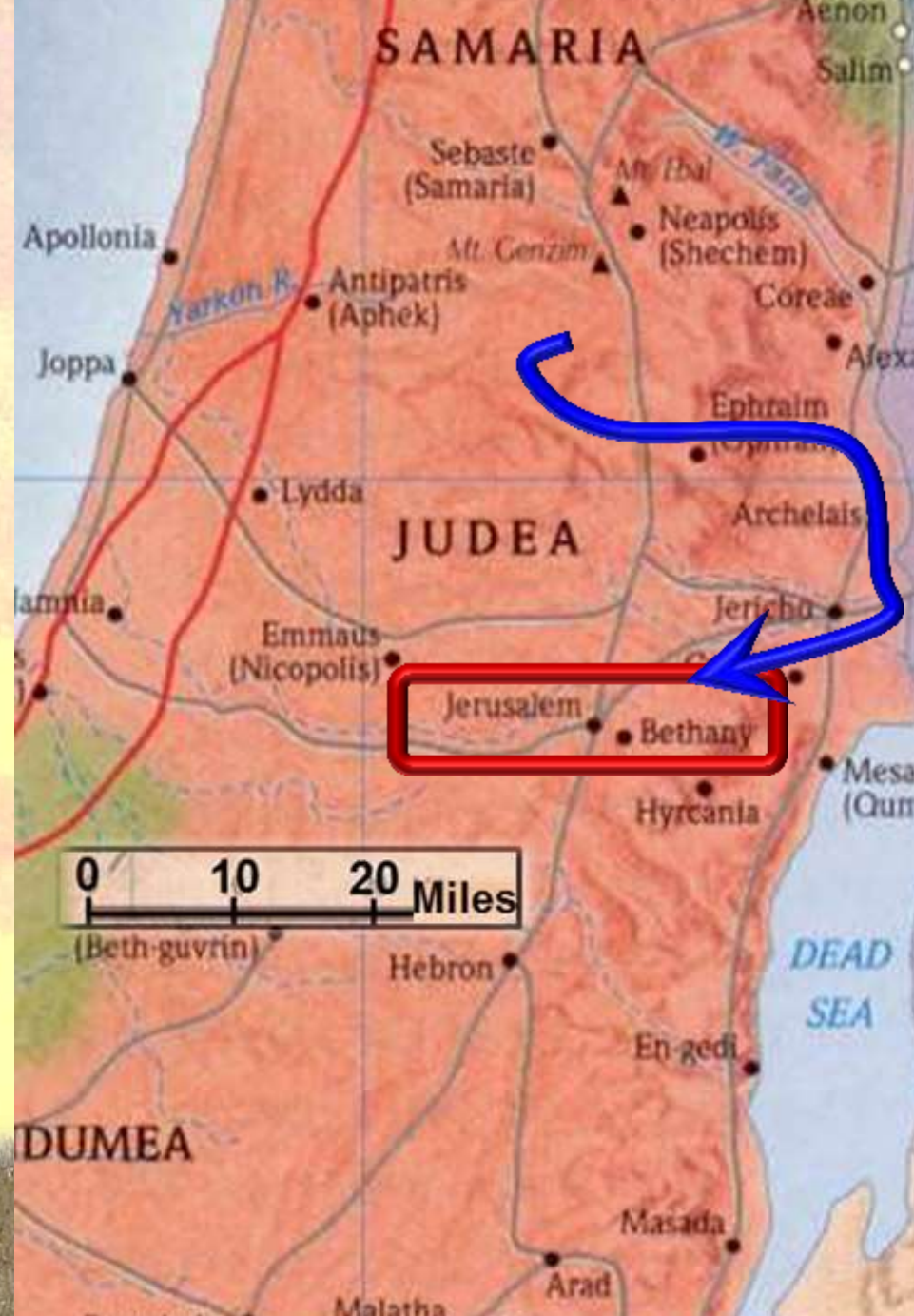
20 Mother of Zebedee's sons asked for her
sons to sit at his right and left

22-23 Jesus said, "Can you drink the cup
I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

20:23 Jesus said, ***"You will...."***

Just leaving Jericho at this time



Jesus clarifies this ... not really surprised
not really shaken ... *most are vain*

23-24 “but to sit at my right or left is not for me
to grant. These belong to those ...
prepared by my Father.” *Ten others are upset.*

25-27 Jesus called them together, mentions
about rulers, then says “whoever wants to
be great ... must be your servant, and
whoever wants to be first must be your slave.

28 just as the Son of Man did not come
to be served, but to serve, and to
give his life as a ransom for many.



20:29-35 Blind Men Healed Outside Jericho

29 As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed.

On the way to Jerusalem, via Jericho

Just outside of Jericho ...

According to Matthew,

2 blind men shout for Jesus

In Mark 10 & Luke 18, just one:

Mark names **Blind Bartimaeus**

Likely—2 were healed, *then* Bartimaeus healed

OR, Bartimaeus was ONE of the TWO healed



20:29 As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed.

30 Two blind men by the roadside call out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

31 Crowd rebukes, but they get louder

32 Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

33 “Lord, we want our sight.”

34 Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and **FOLLOWED HIM**.

Ahh, who would *NOT* follow after that?



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by Nicolas Poussin

Near Jericho, Jesus
heals a Blind beggar
By "El Greco" – the Greek
Because his Greek
name is hard too
pronounce



Christ Healing the Blind , by El Greco (1541-1614)

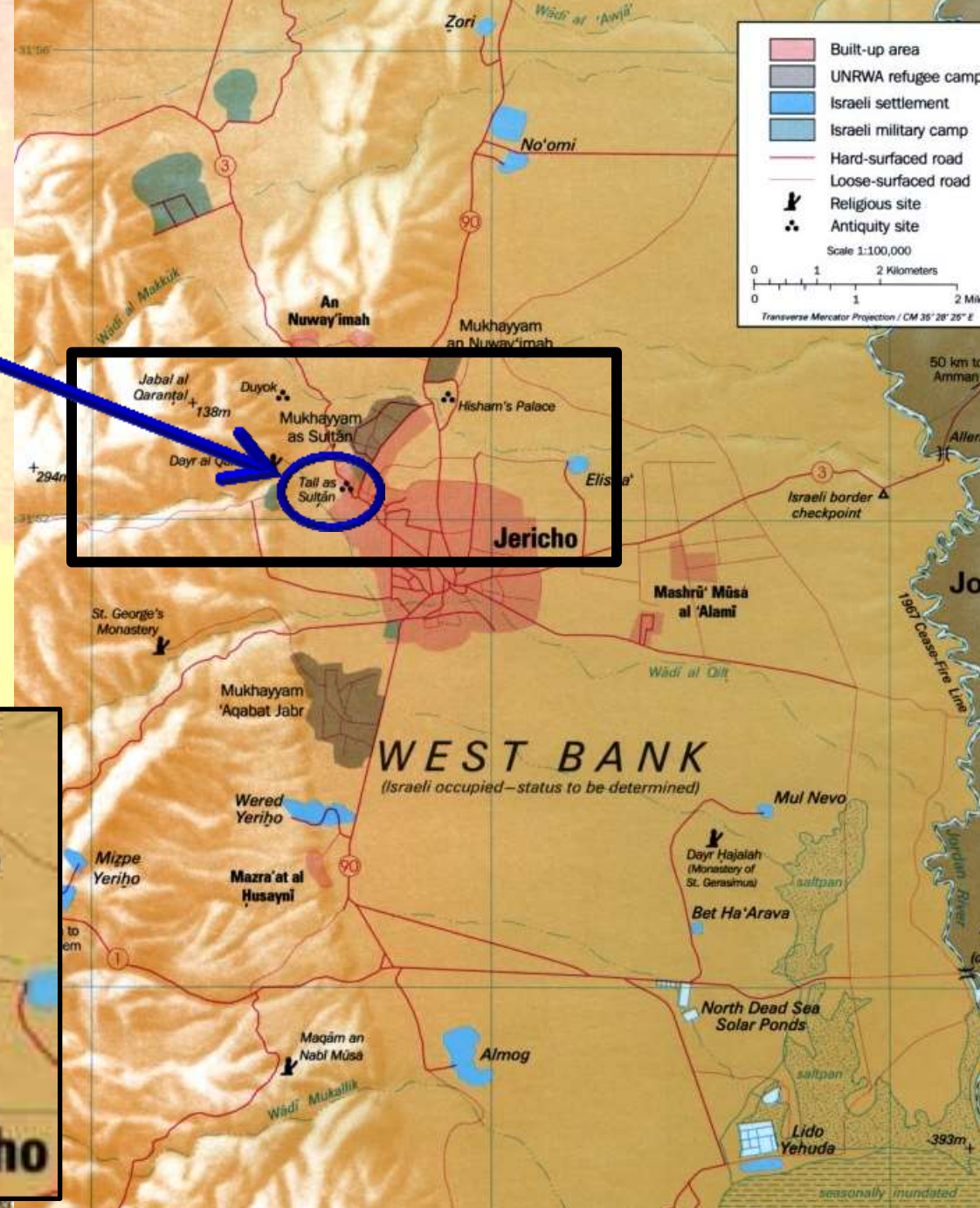
Jericho Strategic Map

Old Jericho of Joshua

Strategically ... Jericho
important pathway to and
from Israel's heartland

North and South, East and West
through Central Hill Country

Road to Jerusalem UP this valley



Ancient Jericho ... 9000 B.C. ?

Jericho is today Tell al-Sultan

- ✓ 8000 B.C. walled city
- ✓ 370,000 sq ft or 8.5 acres
- ✓ walls 12 ft tall
- ✓ Over 70 dwellings have been found
- ✓ Several have excavated from 1868 ...

Most famous was Kathleen M. Kenyon
who worked 1952-58 ...

did NOT yield 1550 B.C. wall

Kenyon & Thomas A. Holland's *Excavations at Jericho:
The Architecture and Stratigraphy of the Tell* (1981).

Might seem trite, but she found no wall **BECAUSE?**

destroyed by God thru Joshua w trumpets & shouts



8000 B.C. Dwelling

Ancient Jericho ... 9000 B.C. ?

Jericho – today Tel al-Sultan ...

Oldest city in Land of Israel according
to the *Encyclopedia Judaica*

Considered THE oldest WALLED city found

Considered one of the OLDEST inhabited
cities in the world, like Damascus
only a couple of breaks

According to archaeologists ... Jericho is
“Citadel of the Neolithic Age”
i.e., Citadel of the New Stone Age

One of the most advanced cities of 8000 B.C.
*... if you do **NOT** believe in a young earth*



8-7000 B.C. Tower

Ancient Jericho

Maness view on Young Earth

In 1980s, I was on an archaeological dig in Israel ...

Tel Yoqne'am ... just below Mt. Carmel

LOT OF WORK done in archaeology ...

Biblical chronology dates Creation circa 4100 B.C.

**Aware of most of dating methods & the gaps in record
& several arguments for 5-9 billion-year-old earth**

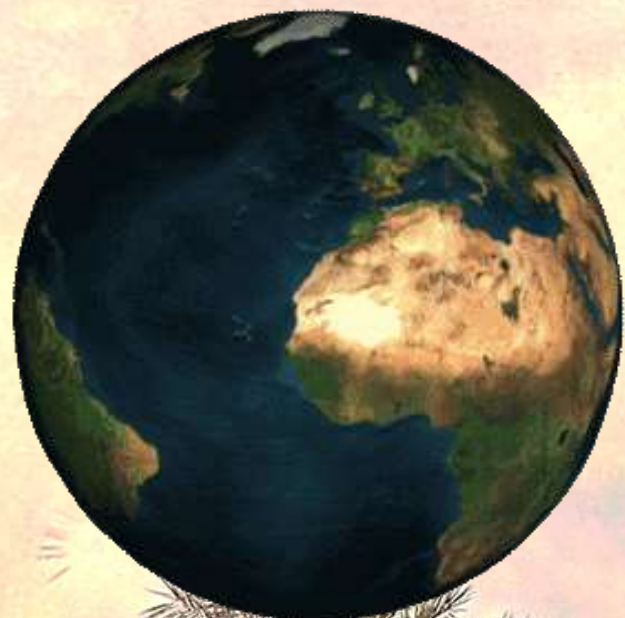
During our study of 2 Peter, we saw Scientific Creationism

Don't really care to debate – or deal with all the fluff ...

My view is that the earth was *CREATED* c. 4100 B.C.

I'm gonna ride with the Bible

**Furthermore, not upset or find scientists bad for dating 9 billion
some science SEES those ages – and I love the sciences**



Ancient Jericho – 8000 B.C. walled city, 8.5 acres with 12 ft walls

Trenches dug to kick-start excavations

Tell al-Sultan



Modern Jericho – about a mile from old city

In West Bank under
Palestinian Authority
since 1994

Considered THE
oldest WALLED city,
circa 8000 B.C.
one of the OLDEST
inhabited cities in the world,
like Damascus

20 settlements since 9000 B.C.

Hebrew Bible – “City of Palm Trees”

Natural springs yield
1,000 gals per hour!



Municipal Seal of Jericho



Byzantine Jericho

Monastery of Temptation
looks down on Jericho

6th century cave tradition believes
to be where Jesus spent

40 days & nights fasting & meditating
during His temptation by Satan



FROM Monastery of Temptation looking DOWN

Old Jericho

Jordan River 4 miles East

New Jericho



Dead Sea
5 miles south

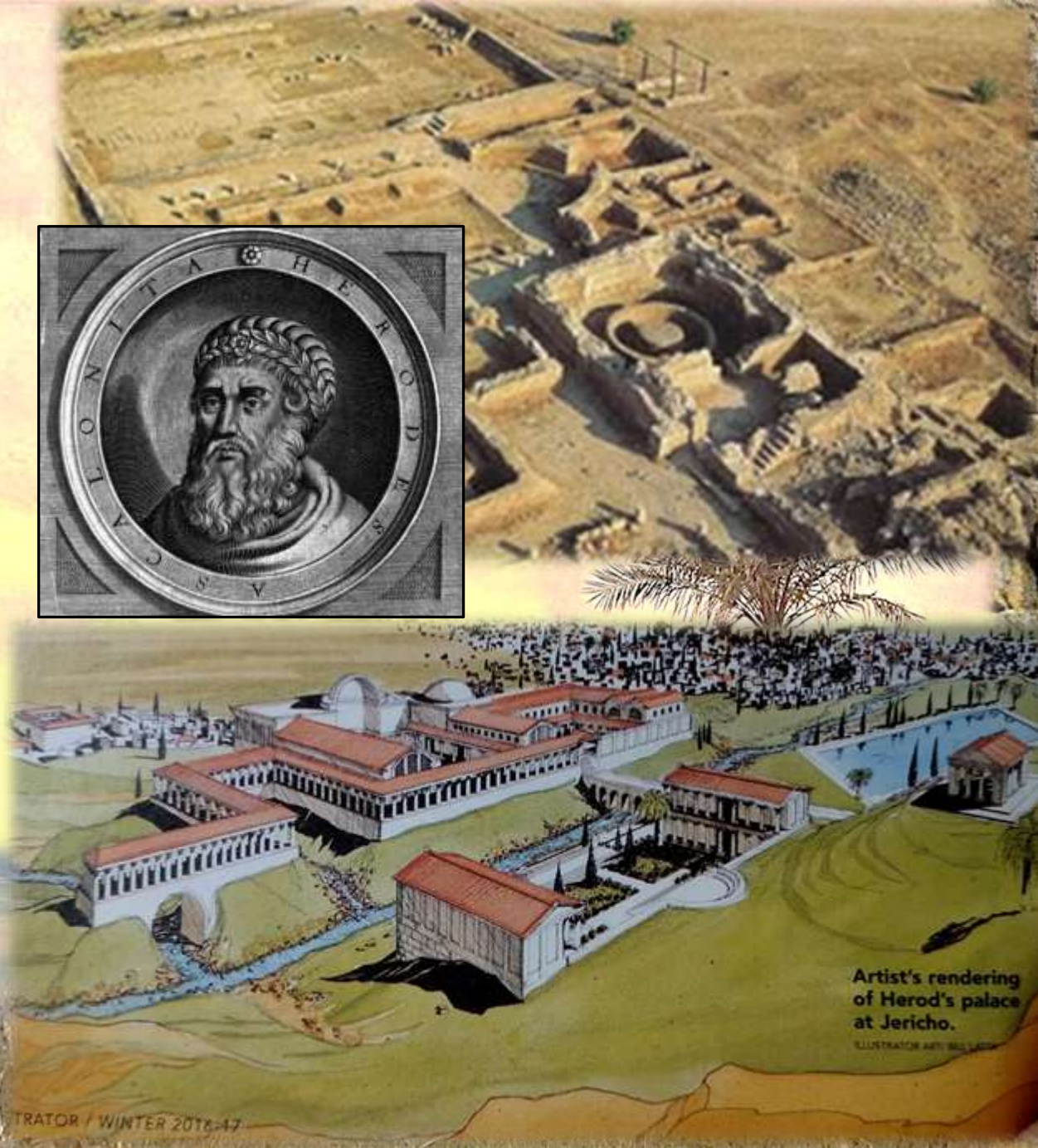


New Testament Jericho

Herod the Great (37-4 B.C.)
built huge palace @ Jericho

Herod retired and
died in Jericho

- ✓ He built 2nd Jewish Temple called "Herod's Temple"
- ✓ He built Great Port of Caesarea
- ✓ He built a fortress @ Megiddo
- ✓ He built a palace on Masada
- ✓ He was also insane paranoid



Artist's rendering
of Herod's palace
at Jericho.

ILLUSTRATOR ARTI BELLUM

New Testament Jericho

Luke 10:25-37

Who is your neighbor?

Jesus replied: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho”
he was attacked by robbers ...

Samaritan came ... bandaged his
wounds.... brought him to an inn

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think
was a neighbor to the man who fell
into the hands of robbers?”



**Parable of the Good Samaritan, 1670
by Jan Wijnants**

Mark 10 – Poor Blind Beggar

On their way to Jerusalem ...

46 They came to Jericho.

And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting by road.

There is a substantial backstory ...
the WEST gate was busier ...

There is something else ... striking

“Bartimaeus” is “Bar Timaeus”

Like Simon Bar-Jona, “Son of Jona”



Christ Healing the Blind, c. 1570, by El Greco

Mark 10 – Poor Blind Beggar

In Mark: Bartimaeus = Son of Timaeus

In Luke: Poor, blind **NAMELESS** beggar

one of two healed in Matthew – or separately from two

“Son of Timaeus,” they said

Who was SON of Timaeus? – Do NOT know!

He had NO NAME – just SON of Timaeus

What is SAD – SAD – No Name his OWN

He wanted to get near Jesus ...

But **EVERYONE** was saying, **“Shut UP!”**

Hey – GOOD news for you, me, ALL

Jesus heard poor, blind, **NAMELESS** beggar

and He will hear YOU too



**Jesus Healing Blind Bartimaeus, 1861
by Johann Heinrich Stoeber
in Erbach, Rheingau, Germany**

Mark 10 – Poor Blind Beggar

Oh, I can **SEE** him going there now!
His white cane clicking on the cobbled
streets that Rome had paved decades ago

Sometimes stumbling ...

Often times shuffling his feet ...

I got a secret to tell you ...

Poor **BLIND** Mr. Nameless Beggar ...

Never gets in a hurry ...

Blind Men NEVER Run

Blind are Dependent on others



Mark 10 – Poor Blind Beggar

Bar-Timaeus, Son of Timaeus, **YELLED** out

Called out to **Bar-David = Son of David**

The **TWO** men in Matthew **CALLED** out

Have you ever known a **BLIND** person?

BLIND, your other senses **ESCALATE**

Your sense of **SMELL** escalates

Your sense of **HEARING** escalates

Your sense of **TOUCH** escalates

You sniff, sniff, sniff like a **Bloodhound**

You **LISTEN** to every crack & cricket

You **TOUCH – TOUCH – TOUCH**



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650
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Mark 10 – Poor Blind Beggar

Poor, blind Mr. Nameless Beggarman

... **BLIND** ...

You **STILL** see things ...

Like the **KINDNESS** of the local baker

Like Sophia – she always gave him
bread as he shuffled his way home

Mr. Nameless **KNEW** when the blacksmith
was working, **HEARING ... SMELLING**

Bartimaeus always **TRIES** to avoid Duke the
blacksmith, because ... Duke is **MEAN**

Duke **humiliates** Bartimaeus

almost **every day** ...



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Mark 10 – Poor Blind Nameless Beggar

Poor, blind Mr. Nameless Beggarman
everything is stranger ...

How he eats ... uses the “facilities”

Rich & Poor children poke fun at him ...

Once, on his way to WORK ... begging just
outside the West Gate of Jericho ...

He slipped in a mud puddle ...

His robe was muddy ... took hours to dry

On hot days, he gets really hungry ...

He remembers a little old man ...

Bar-Zebadee ... and his goat milk cart ...



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Mark 10 – Poor Blind Nameless Beggar

BLIND ... few friends are DEARER ...

Bar-Zebadee ... came to town on Mondays,
Wednesdays and Fridays ...

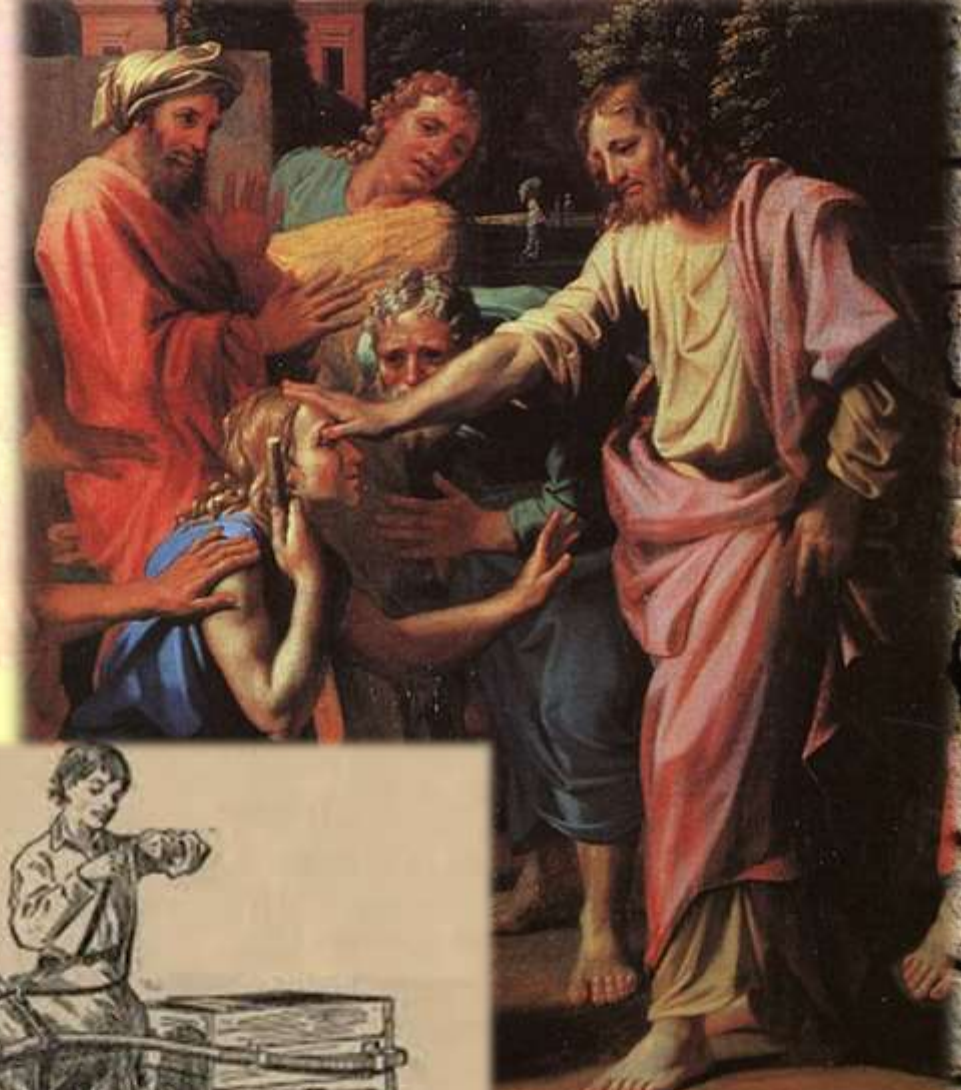
Bar-Zebadee lived 2 miles west of Jericho

Hearing the goats ... Bartimaeus thought
Bar-Zebadee must be 100 years old ...

When the wind was right, he could smell
Bar-Zebadee coming hours before ..

Bartimaeus could hear the bells, too,
a long way off ... closer and closer

Best of all ... *bestest of alllll*



Blind Man, 1650
s Poussin

Mark 10 – Poor Blind Nameless Beggar

Bartimaeus could hear & FEEL the kindly ...

gracious ... gentle ... *respectful voice*

Bar-Zebadee always spoke FIRST, rounding the corner with his goats & cans of MILK

BLIND cannot SEE a SMILE

BLIND cannot SEE a Sunset or Stars

BLIND cannot SEE the Sky or Clouds

Blind CAN *FEEL* a Smile

Blind CAN *FEEL* the warmth of Sun

Blind CAN *FEEL* Hate & Cruelty

Blind CAN *FEEL Kindness & LOVE*



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Bartimaeus could *SMELLLLLL* the milk

His mouth would water – so sweet

Bar-Zebadee would ALWAYS say,
“There’s my *FRIEND* Bartimaeus!”

“Yes, yes,” was Beggarman’s reply,
his heart light, his soul lifted

Then – free cup of sweet goat milk

SWEETER coming from a KIND Hand



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Mark 10 – Poor Blind Nameless Beggar

Bar-Timaeus, Son of Timaeus, LISTENED
Day in ... day out ... every day ... ALL DAY
LISTEN ... LISTEN to EVERYONE ...

News of a strange man ... Bar-David
SON of King David & SON of GOD!!!
Bartimaeus LEARNED theology from those
travelling thru Jericho to Jerusalem
From those travelling FROM Jerusalem too
News for the last **THREE YEARS** – wow!
man named JESUS was healing



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Mark 10 – Poor Blind Nameless Beggar

Then ... as he sat ... **LISTENING** ...

Begging ... **LISTENING** ... smelling ...

LISTENING ... then heard ... it was TRUE

Jesus was coming his way ...

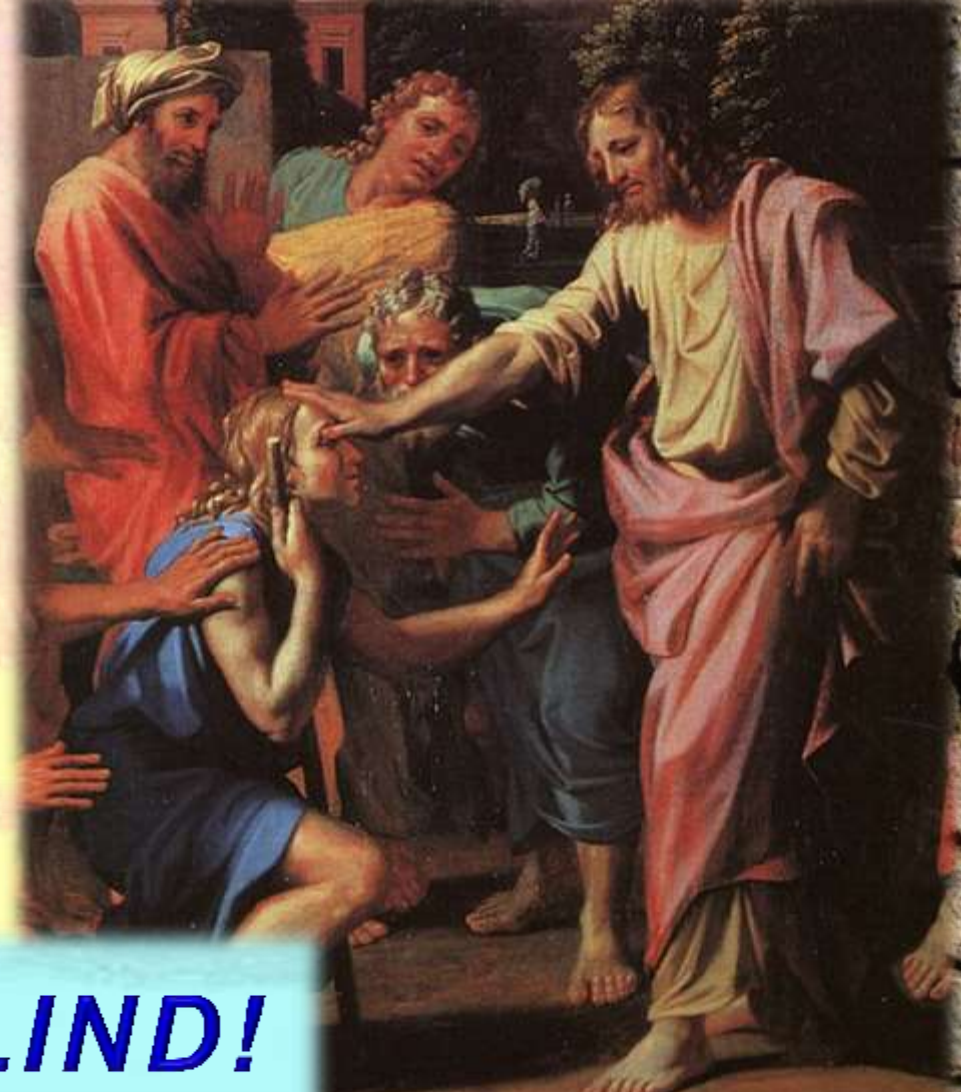
POOR Blind Mr. Nameless Beggarman

There **WAS** Truth ... he **KNEW** truth ...

Those who had passed by had seen

Bartimaeus had **TALKED** with a leper
who had been **HEALED** ...

some say **JESUS** heals the **BLIND!**



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Mark 10 – Poor Blind Nameless Beggar

This day ... like never ever before ...
He had never SEEN a Sunset or a Smile
He LISTENED & LISTENED very closely

- ✓ If he would EVER see ...
- ✓ If he would EVER be WHOLE ...
- ✓ If he would EVER be FREEE ...

he *heard & smelled* the crowd coming
Smelled both mean ol' Duke & kind Sophia
Bartimaeus could HEAR – JESUS was there
He had NOTHING to lose – *NOTHING!*
Everything to gain – NOTHING to lose
EVERYTHING to gain

**THIS
is the
DAY!**



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Mark 10 – Poor Blind Nameless Beggar

47 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out, "Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!"

With tears in his blind eyes, voice quivering

48 Many people told him to KEEP QUIET, but he was CRYING OUT ALL THE MORE, "Have mercy on me, Son of David!"

Yes, "WE the PEOPLE" said,

"SHUT UP!"

wait for it ...

normal followers of Jesus said THAT

You & I said, "SHUT UP!"



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Do WE want to SEE as DESPARATELY as Blind Men WANTED to SEE ???

Bartimaeus did NOT ask to SEE Jesus . . .

Bartimaeus just wanted to SEE like everyone else

Yet, the FIRST *person* he SAW was Jesus

His LIFE was never the same after *SEEING*

Mark 10 – Poor Blind Nameless Beggar*

49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

When JESUS calls – What do you do?

50 Throwing his cloak aside,
HE JUMPED to his feet & came to Jesus.

*Feeling his way to Jesus –
Strangers gently nudging, guiding*
Nameless Blind Man shuffled forward

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

Oh, if Jesus would only ask ME that



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Blind Nameless Beggar's
GREATEST wish?

“Rabbi, I want to SEE.”

We do too ... yes, every one of us

We Want to SEE too

We, too, are on the way to Jerusalem ...

All of us are on the way to Jerusalem

A NEW Jerusalem & a NEW EARTH

soon, Jesus would get on a donkey

soon, disciples would wonder then **SEE**

Soon, Jesus will come back & we too **WILL SEE**

