

January 15

Proverbs 24 & Mark 10

Value All

Israel Tribe Allotments

Joshua 13:8 – 19:49

- City ○ City uncertain location ▲ Mountain peak



Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus

FBC Woodville
Sunday School Class
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see
PreciousHeart.net/SS



Conquest and Challenges of Israel's Settlement

1. Dec 4 Commissioned Joshua 1 Lord Calls Joshua
2. Dec 11 Conquest Joshua 6 Jericho Walls Down
3. Dec 18 Savior Announced Luke 1 Angel Gabriel to Mary
4. Dec 25 ... *Merry Christmas* ...
5. Jan 1 Settled Joshua 22 Heart, Honor, Home
- ★ 6. Jan 15 Value All Prov. 24 & Mark 10 *Sanctity of Life Sunday*
7. Jan 22 Rebellion's Cycle Judges 2 Return to God to Live
8. Jan 29 Willing Servants Judges 4 Deborah Lifts Barak
9. Feb 5 Timid Warrior Judges 6 Angel Charges Gideon
10. Feb 12 Compromised Potential Judges 16 Samson & Delilah
11. Feb 19 Faith Through Trials Ruth 1 Ruth Helps Naomi
12. Feb 13 Redeemed & Secure Ruth 3-4 Noble Ruth Wins

Lesson Author's Theme

Jesus Values All People

Prov. 24:11	Call to Protect Life – Save Those to be Slaughtered
Prov. 24:10,12	Warning Against Inaction – Who Weighs the Hearts?
Mark 10:46-49	An Example Set – Noisy Blind Bartimaeus
Mark 10:50-52	Blind Man's Response

What a blessing it is ... to have our *EYES OPENED!*

To be able to SEE ... what a gift!


Key Verse Mark 10:51

Then Jesus answered him,
“What do you want Me to do for you?”

“Rabbouni,” the blind man told Him,

“I want to see!”





Those dear words
“I want to see!”

That's true for ALL of us ...

In all times ...

In all places ... everywhere ...

“I want to see!”

Of course ... if we then **SEE**
We should also ... **DO**



Ohh ... if we would all listen more



The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.

Edmund Burke, 1729-97

JFK attributed it to Burke ... most do

Some say John Stuart Mill made a similar statement

Though, no one knows for sure.

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The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations



Edmund Burke, 1771
by Joshua Reynolds

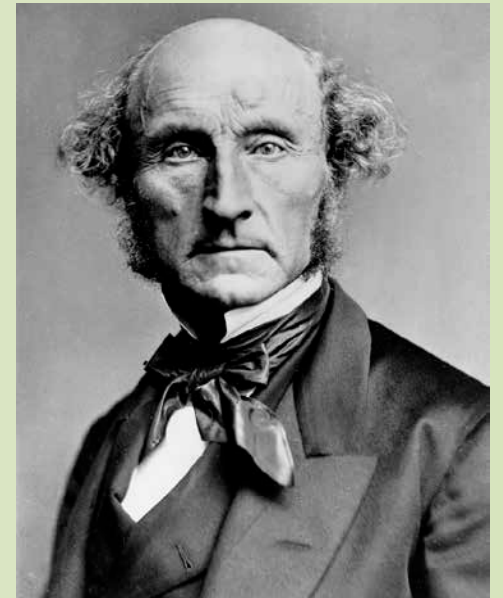


In 1770, Burke wrote regarding Cabals of ambitious citizens:

**When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall,
one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.**

**In 1867, John Stuart Mill delivered said in an
inaugural address at the University of St. Andrews:**

**Let not any one pacify his conscience by the
delusion that he can do no harm if he takes no part,
and forms no opinion. Bad men need nothing
more to compass their ends, than that good men
should look on and do nothing.**



John Stuart Mill, c. 1870
by London Stereoscopic Company



Rev. Charles F. Aked (1864-1941) born and raised in England, became a famous preacher.

- Opposed taxes on churches ...
- Came to New York in 1907

Oct. 1916, *San Jose Mercury Herald* reported a speech in favor of prohibition:

That's all the devil wants of the son of God—to be let alone. That is all that the criminal wants of the law—to be let alone. The sin of doing nothing is the deadliest of all the seven sins. It has been said that for evil men to accomplish their purpose it is only necessary that good men should do nothing.



Rev. Charles F. Aked, c. 1907



Yes ... and yes again ...

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Alternate Title

All Lives Matter

**Even Poor Blind
Beggars' Lives!**



Sanctity of Life Sunday

SEE www.LifeMattersWW.org – Life Matters Worldwide

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a [Proclamation 5147](#) designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day.



January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.

Churches in the U.S. use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

Baptists and Catholics, along with others, have been great champions.



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The first sentence of that Jan. 13, 1984, by President Reagan in [Proclamation 5147](#) says:

The values and freedoms we cherish as Americans rest on our fundamental commitment to the sanctity of human life. The first of the “unalienable rights” affirmed by our Declaration of Independence is the right to life itself, a right the Declaration states has been endowed by our Creator on all human beings – whether young or old, weak or strong, healthy or handicapped.

<https://reaganlibrary.archives.gov/archives/speeches/1984/11384c.htm>



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Prov. 24:11 Call to Protect Life – Save Those to be Slaughtered

¹¹ Rescue those being taken off to death, and save those stumbling toward slaughter.

Clearly ... Proverb says **SAVE** those in the **Killing Fields**

- ✓ Not about accidents
- ✓ Not about hurricanes or tornados
- ✓ Not about cancer or suicide

It's about **SAVING** those about to be **SLAUGHTERED**

- ✓ I don't think it is a stretch to **WONDER** about Jericho & Hazor
- ✓ Nor a stretch to **WONDER** about David's raids on the Amalekites
- ✓ Joshua & David **KILLED ALL** the people in [] raids—**ALL**
- ✓ Joshua Killed every **LIVING THING** in Jericho!



Prov. 24:11 Call to Protect Life – Save Those to be Slaughtered

What about Proverbs itself

- ✓ 3rd of 4 Books called "Writings"
Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes
- ✓ Prov. 1:1, 10:1, 25:1 Solomon authored
- ✓ Did Solomon write ALL?
- ✓ Some see David writing some
- ✓ Most see Solomon for ALL except 2
- ✓ Excepting Proverbs 30 & 31
 - ❖ 30:1, "Words of Agur" ...
 - ❖ 31:1, Sayings of King Lemuel
an Oracle or Prophecy
his mother taught him



Solomon writing Proverbs, 1866, by Gustave Doré

Prov. 24:11 Call to Protect Life – Save Those to be Slaughtered

- ✓ Book of Proverbs has 800 verses, not 800 "proverbs" as some combine
- ✓ I Kings 4:32, Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs, wrote 1,005 songs

Oh yeah ... a LOT left out in our O.T.

What of this verse?

24:11 Rescue those being taken off to death, and save those stumbling toward slaughter.

I trust its WISDOM is in saving the

INNOCENT

That leads to another question ...



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Prov. 24:11 Call to Protect Life – Save Those to be Slaughtered

Another issue is: Are the innocent ALL?

**24:11 Rescue those being taken off to death,
and save those stumbling toward
slaughter.**

Please consider ***Solomon the WISE***

No mistake did Solomon make!

Left out the word "**Innocent**" on purpose
he most certainly did ...

**Because the WHOLE means
much MORE than the PARTS**



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Prov. 24:11 Call to Protect Life – Save Those to be Slaughtered

**24:11 Rescue those being taken off to death,
and save those stumbling toward
slaughter.**

If not a LAW, what is the WISDOM?

- We cannot save everyone ...
- Nor will everyone be saved ...

**What is the WISDOM of
saving the innocent?**

In the N.T., Jesus gives us MORE wisdom:

The Golden Rule:

**Do unto others as you would have
them do to you.**



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Prov. 24:11 Call to Protect Life – Save Those to be Slaughtered

24:11 Rescue those being taken off to death,
and save those stumbling toward slaughter.

Jesus gave us Two Great Commands:

- Love God with all your heart
- Love others

We CANNOT help it ... we look back
through the LENS of our N.T. Faith

Today, we cannot HELP OURSELVES ...

We CANNOT help it, HIS spirit in us

Moreover, our glasses are *ROSE colored*

Yet, what does verse 11 MEAN in

1000 B.C.?



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Prov. 24:11 Call to Protect Life – Save Those to be Slaughtered

24:11 **Rescue those being taken off to death,
and save those stumbling toward slaughter.**

Quarterly said Solomon
meant a "Command"

I can see a little. I, too, have
my **Rose colored glasses** on

Clearly, this was "WISDOM"

Quarterly listed SEVERAL verses on
HELPING the fatherless, widow, poor, the
foreigner, and again *the widow*

Let's just ask, DAH!!! ... This is obvious!

We should ALWAYS save the INNOCENT



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Prov. 24:10, 12 Warning Against Inaction – Who Weighs the Hearts?

Verse 24:11 is, fortunately, **SURROUNDED** by two verses:

¹⁰ If you do nothing in a difficult time, your strength is limited.

¹¹ Rescue those being taken off to death, and save those stumbling toward slaughter. ¹² If you say, "But we didn't know about this," won't He who weighs hearts consider it? Won't He who protects your life know? Won't He repay a person according to his work?

Now then ... this is a **sandwich** that becomes more tasteful

Even alluring, drawing you and I ...

This passage **PULLS** on the moral heart

Now vs. 11 it is **NOT** merely **WISDOM** ... Nor is it a mere **COMMAND**

This **PROVERB** reveals human nature at its **WEAKEST**!



Why? **What does it reveal about HUMAN WEAKNESS?**

Prov. 24:10, 12 Warning Against Inaction – Who Weighs the Hearts?

¹⁰ If you do nothing in a difficult time, your strength is limited.

¹¹ Rescue those being taken off to death, and save those stumbling toward slaughter.

Here is part of the Human Weakness, verse 12:

¹² If you say, "But we didn't know about this," won't He who weighs hearts consider it? Won't He who protects your life know? Won't He repay a person according to his work?

The WEAKNESS is this: No one wants the innocent to perish!

NO ONE ... that is, the Moral Compassionate Person ... NO ONE

With my N.T. spectacles on ... OH, much, much MORE so

In the nicest NON-psychological, NON-philosophical way ...

Solomon wisdom REVEALS: It's AGAINST Human Nature to Slaughter



Prov. 24:10, 12 Warning Against Inaction – Who Weighs the Hearts?

Indeed and truth, "He who weighs the **HEARTS** considers"

The passage deals with both the Guilty and Innocent

My opinion: some guilty **DO deserve the Death Penalty**

As clear—those ISIS execute do NOT deserve it!

Ahhh ... the "**Justice of it all**" is rather **MOOT** here ...

This splendid proverb is much to our N.T. hearts' liking

¹⁰ ... **difficult time ... strength limited.** ¹¹**Rescue those ... stumbling toward slaughter.** ¹² ... **He who weighs hearts ...**

The WISDOM is in the WEAKNESS ... **Yes, Wisdom in the Weakness**

The WISDOM is to make the GOOD citizen FEEL Guilty

FACT is ... on EVIL ... TOO many GOOD citizens **DO NOTHING!**

Old Sparky



Prov. 24:10, 12 Warning Against Inaction – Who Weighs the Hearts?

Toooooo many **DO NOTHING** ...

No, no ... I agree with the Death Penalty

Old Sparky was just for show ... show time ...

Some good citizens DO a little ... *like Call the Police*

But toooo many remain SILENT about so much evil

Today, we are **NOT** talking about Iran & Iraq ...

Nor are we talking about Chicago ... or L.A. or Houston

WISDOM is this sublime Proverb makes the **GOOOD FEEL GUILTY**

You who HAVE LET the innocent or poor be KILLED ... or SUFFER

This passage is NOT about victims ... **It's about ME ... about YOU!**

You who HAVE the power ... or influence ... over others ...

Old Sparky



Prov. 24:10, 12 Warning Against Inaction – Who Weighs the Hearts?

Toooooo many **DO NOTHING** ...

In America ... even sweet, nostalgic Tyler County ...

And the other Mayberry RFD enclaves like ours ...

So safe ... so secure ... we can “complain” ...

We can give \$25 per month to “Feed the Poor”

But this passages goes much, much deeper ...

About those who DO HAVE the power to save from slaughter,

YET DO NOTHING! ... **Without a finger pointed Solomon makes
the GOOD FEEL GUILTY**

This is to Me ... to YOU ...

If you or I let ... **VILE** injustices go by the wayside too ... **WE might ...**

MIGHT be among those who said, **“SHUT UP!” to a poor blind man.**

Old Sparky



Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

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 the road.

That is ... when JESUS was LEAVING Jericho ...

On his way OUT of town ... they meet a

poor **BLIND** beggar ...

Ahhh ... but there is a history

A substantial backstory ...



Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Mark 9 ... Jesus took Peter, James & John to a high mountain

They witness the Transfiguration ... Jesus, Moses, Elijah

An unforgettable experience ...

Afterward, Jesus bids his
disciples to NOT talk about it

They came down from
the mountain ...

a large crowd follows ...



Transfiguration of Christ, c.1560
by Titian (1485-1576), Church of San Salvador, San Marco

Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

As crowd gathers ...

A father pleads for his son ... possessed son ...

Son hurts himself ...

When Jesus came, son convulsed

Father pleads, "**I BELIEVE ... Help thou my unbelief!**"

Jesus Heals Son . . .

Disciples question why **THEY** could not heal

Jesus said, "**These only come out with prayer**"

Disciples come short again ... even short in prayer

We really need Jesus to explain that ... but Jesus does not explain



Jesus Heals Possessed boy
by Gustave Doré (1832-83)

Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Mark 10:1 ... Jesus and disciples cross the Jordan ...

Pharisees question Jesus on divorce ... Jesus sees through tricks

Jesus said, because of the **"Hardness of YOUR heart"** Moses wrote

Jesus teaches on marriage --- divorce happens

God never INTENDS it ... does not like it divorce

Little Children were coming to Jesus ...

Mark 10:14, **"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."**

Jesus meets a rich man, **"Go and sell all you have ..."**

Whew ... tooo much to give up for that man ...



Statue of Moses
Library of Congress

Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Mark 10:25, Jesus says, "Easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle"

Disciples cry, "Who can enter the kingdom of heaven?"



Yeah
RIGHT

10:27, Jesus said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Mark 10:32, "They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him."

Jesus told them of his *coming DEATH* in Jerusalem ...

10:34, Jesus continued, they "will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Then, most, most pitiful

AFTER telling them of his BRUTAL DEATH

James and John, the sons of Zebedee ...

“Sons of thunder”

TOTALLY devoid of empathy ... ask ...

They have the ugly audacity to ask the King of Heaven ...

Let one of us sit on your RIGHT ... the other on your LEFT ...

The other ten became “**indignant**” ... *rolled their eyes* ... **PITIFUL**

Jesus asked, “**Can you drink the cup ... I am about to drink?**”

They said, “**Sure we can.**”

I imagine Jesus got DEADLY serious when he said, “**You WILL!**”



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On his way OUT of town ...

They were heading to Jerusalem

Remember, trips like this took preparation ... delays dangerous ...

You did NOT travel at night



Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

a large crowd followed ...

Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting by the road.

Bartimaeus was just outside of town, on the road going UP to Jerusalem

I am guessing it the road TO Jerusalem was busier than the road from Jericho going north ...

That is, 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 10:46-49 An Example Set

Bartimaeus = Son of Timaeus

You know what that means?

He was a poor, blind **NAMELESS** beggar

“That’s the son of Timaeus,” they said

Who was Timaeus? – we do NOT know!

What is SAD ... SAD ... SAD ...

He wanted to get near Jesus ...

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

Hey ... I’ve got news for you, **GOOD NEWS**

If Jesus heard the poor, blind, **NAMELESS** beggar ... the nameless Son of Timaeus



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

Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Well then ...

Jesus will hear YOU ...

And hear me ...

Jesus ... did not miss much

Jesus ... does NOT today

Still ... the road may be long ...



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Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Bartimaeus = Son of Timaeus

**Some have said this passage was
a piece of literary GENIUS ...**

Story alludes to a dialogue of Plato ...

**Called “Timaeus” ... remember, in the N.T.
Hellenism is working hard ...**

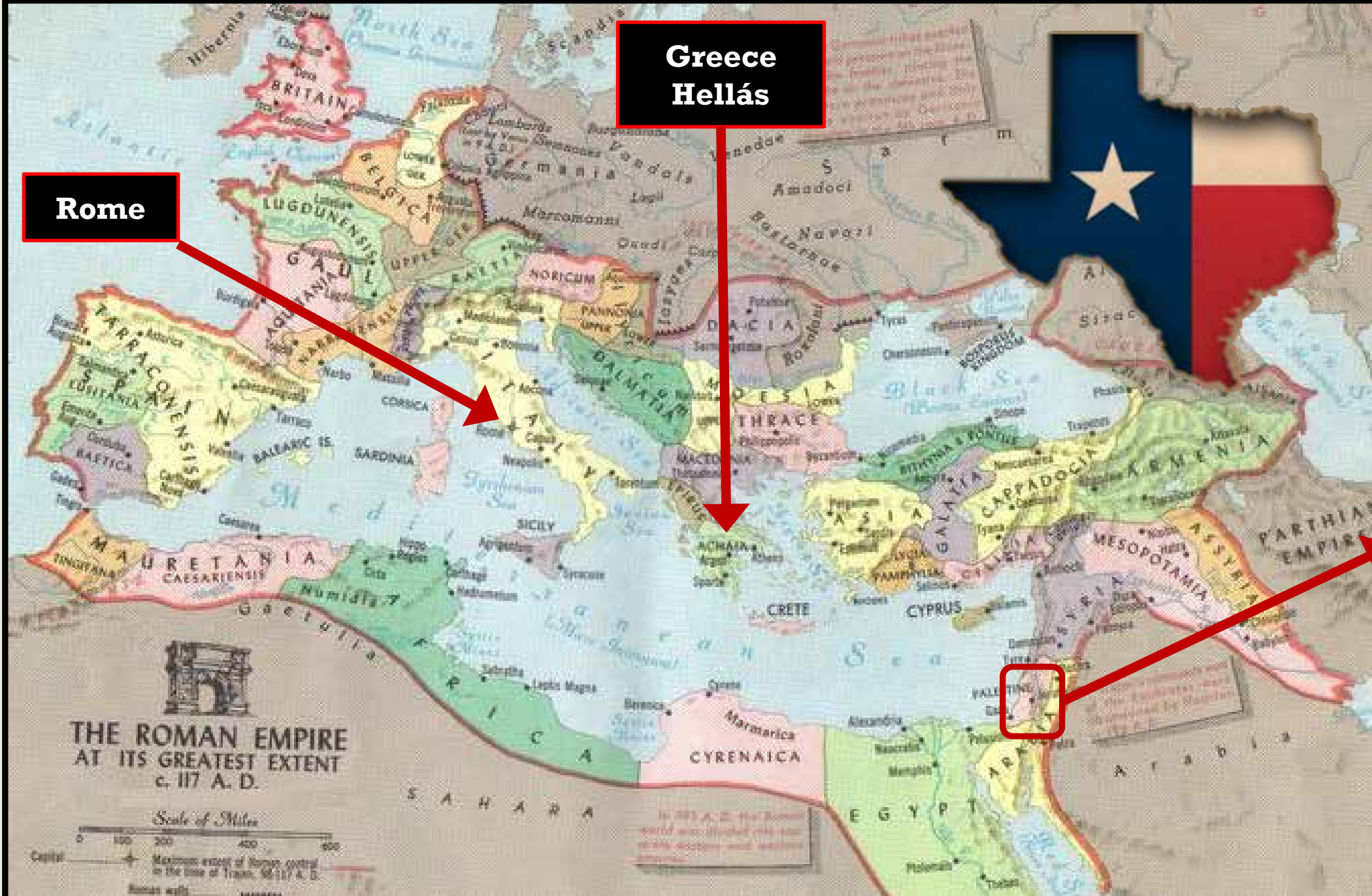
Greek EVERYTHING is valued ...

**Plato wrote his monologue “Timaeus”
in c. 360 B.C. ...**

**If you remember when we went through
the marvelous Book of Acts, chs. 1 - 12**

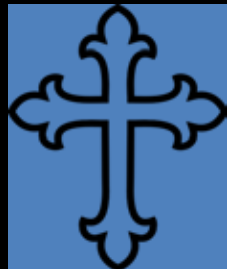


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**Greece
Hellás**

Rome



**Area of Study
Acts 1-12**

Rome

**Greece
Hellás**

- **AD 14 Augustus Dies**
- **AD 64 Nero burns Rome**
- **AD 70 Temple Destroyed**
- **AD 313 Constantine Edict**
- **AD 476 Rome Falls**
- ... AD 624 Islam
- ... AD 1091 Crusades
- **1400s Renaissance**

Dark Ages



Area of Study

Acts 1-12

- **500-300 Golden Greece**
- **325 BC Alexander**
- **200 BC LXX - Greek O.T.**
- **72-71 BC Spartacus**
- **Hellenism Dominates**
... Latin on Rise
- **44 BC J. Caesar killed**
- **31 BC Battle of Actium**
- **Rome Dominates**

Greek – Lingua Franca of Western World
New Testament Written in Greek

Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Bartimaeus = Son of Timaeus

Was this Bar-Timaeus ... a son of Plato?

Was Apostle Mark inspired to relate to a then ancient Greek book **400 years old**?

Plato's "*Timaeus*" **DIALOGUES** about the Physical & Eternal Worlds...

Dialogue on Creation ... work of a god ...

Four elements: Earth, Air, Fire, Water

Cicero 106-43 B.C., Roman Philosopher & Lawyer, translated *Timaeus* into Latin

Only work of Plato available in Dark Ages

Interesting, but I don't believe Jesus meant Plato



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Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

There he is ... Bar-Timaeus ...

How do you think Mr. Nameless Beggar

got to his place just outside of the
the West Wall Gate of Jericho?

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 hurry ...

Blind Men NEVER Run

Blind are Dependent on others

Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Bar-Timaeus, Son of Timaeus, called out

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

You KNOW this already ... you really do ...

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
by Nicolas Poussin

Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Bar-Timaeus, Son of Timaeus

Poor, blind Mr. Nameless Beggarman

You have to know ... **BLIND** ...

You **STILL** see things ...

Like the **KINDNESS** of the local baker

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

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

Bartimaeus always avoids Duke the
blacksmith, because ... Duke is **MEAN**

Duke **humiliates** Bartimaeus almost **every day** ...



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Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Poor, blind Mr. Nameless Beggarman

BLIND ... 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 10:46-49 An Example Set

Poor, blind Mr. Nameless Beggarman

BLIND ... few friends are DEARER ...

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

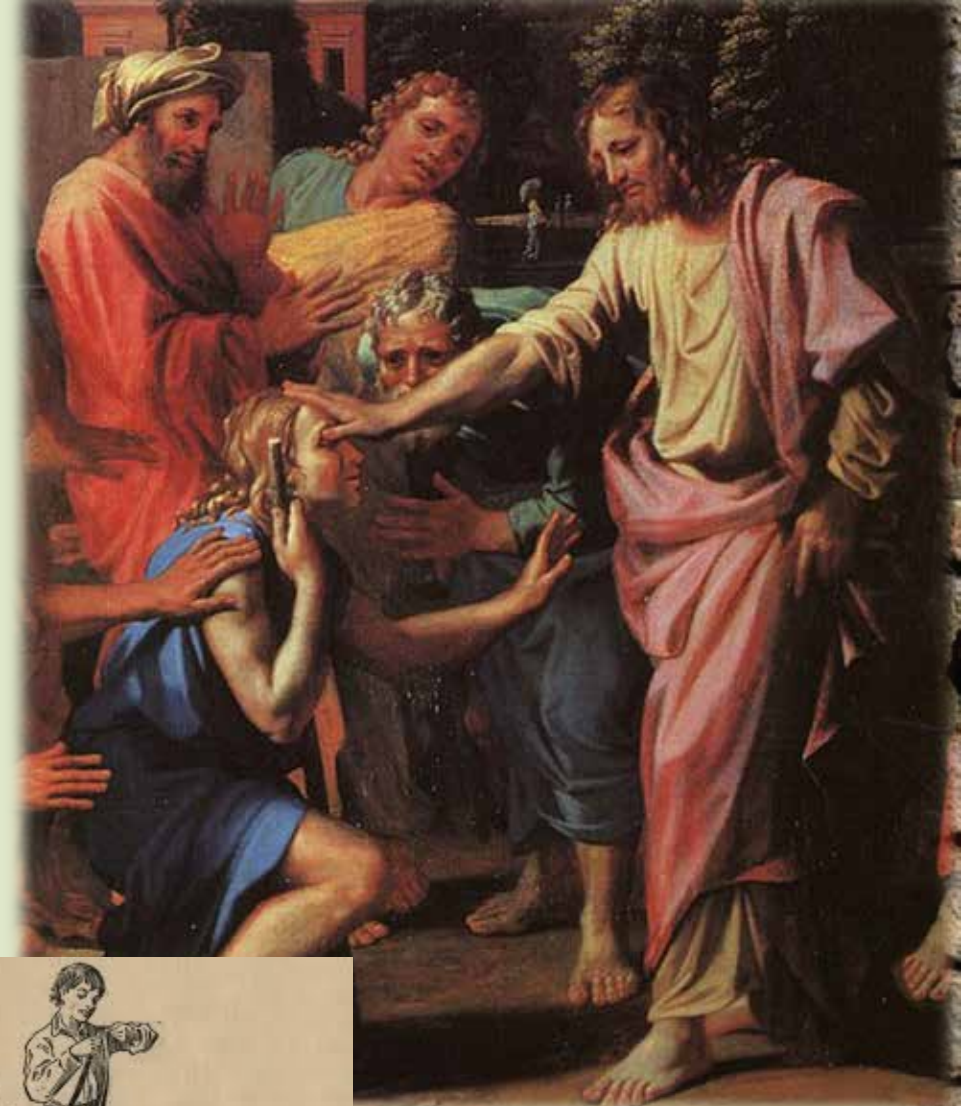
Bar-Zebadee lived 2 miles west of Jericho

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 allll*



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Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

BESTEST of allllll ...

Bartimaeus could hear the kindly ...

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

Bar-Zebadee always spoke first, rounding
the corner with his goats & cans of milk

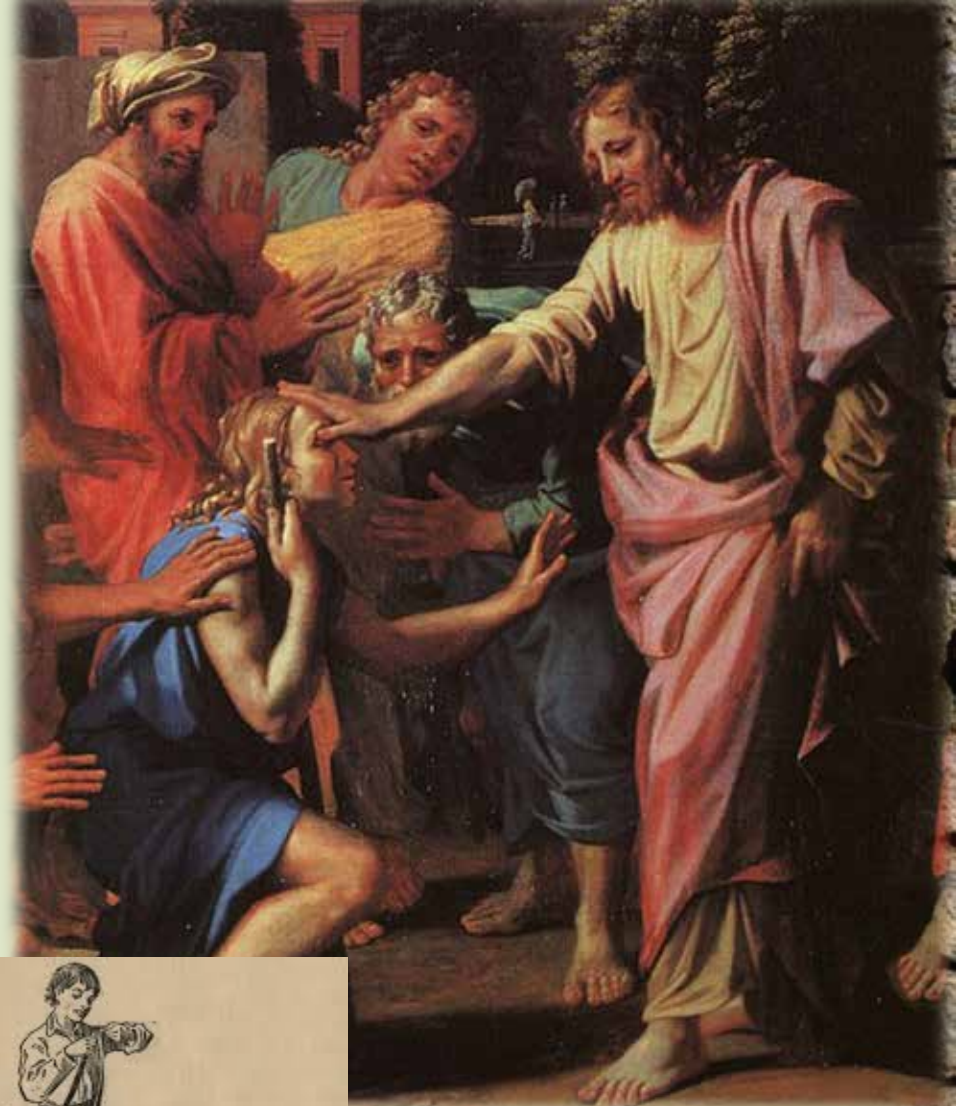
Bartimaeus could SMELLLLLL the milk

His mouth would water ... so sweet ...

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

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

Then ... free cup of sweet goat milk



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Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Bar-Timaeus, Son of Timaeus, **LISTENED**

Day in ... day out ...

Coin here ... vegetable here ...

sometimes
spit

Sometimes a fruit ... begging was **HARD**

LISTEN ... LISTEN to EVERYONE ...

News of a strange man ... Bar-David ...

Bartimaeus **LEARNED** theology from
those *travelling* to Jerusalem ...

From those travelling **FROM** Jerusalem ...

News for the last **THREE YEARS** ...

A man named **JESUS** was healing ...



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Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Bar-Timaeus, Son of Timaeus, **LISTENED**

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** ...

They say ... they say ... **JESUS** heals the blind!



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Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

Bar-Timaeus, Son of Timaeus, LISTENED

This day ... like never ever before ...

He LISTENED ... LISTENED closely ...

If he would EVER see ...

If he would EVER be WHOLE ...

If he would EVER be FREEE ...

When he heard the crowd coming ...

Bartimaeus could hear ... JESUS was there

He had NOTHING to lose ...

Everything to gain ... NOTHING to lose ...

EVERYTHING to gain

**THIS
is the
DAY!**



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Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

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

With a tear in blind eye ... quivering voice

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!**"

That is ... hope you are comfortable ...

Feel good? ... you all okay? ...



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Mark 10:46-49 An Example Set

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!”**

Comfortable? ... that is ...

I ... I said ... and YOU said, **“SHUT UP!”**

Thankfully ... for Mr. Nameless Beggar ...

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called the blind man and said
to him, “Have courage! Get up;

He's calling for you.”

Ooooh ... Bar-Timaeus **HEARD Jesus FIRST**



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Mark 10:50-52 Blind Man's Response

Well ... when JESUS calls ...

What do you do?

⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside,
he JUMPED to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?”
Jesus asked him. The blind man said,
“Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

You understand now ...

Proverbs 24:12



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Prov. 24:12 Who Weighs the Hearts?

¹² If you say, “But we didn't know about this,” won't He who weighs hearts consider it? Won't He who protects your life know?

Oh ... I feel that is enough ...

Cannot even quote the rest of Proverbs 24

Oh, there goes ANOTHER ...

Poor Blind Nameless Beggar ...

Yet ... it is lunch time ...

And I am already late to work ...

Oh, it's time for church!



Solomon writing Proverbs, 1866, by Gustave Doré

Mark 10:50-52 Blind Man's Response

But the Blind Nameless Beggar's
GREATEST wish ...

“Rabbi, I want to see.”

We do too ...

We Want to SEE

See God open our eyes ...

See God work and help us ...

YOU might not be poor & blind ...

But I KNOW you fear ... you hurt ...

You & I—*TODAY*—need HIS hand



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650
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**As God weighs our hearts,
We Pray God Hears US
Today and Helps US**

TO SEE

View from Mt. Nebo



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