

Bible Study: Jericho – When Jesus Passes By

(Mark 10:46–52; Luke 19:1–10)

1. Key Thoughts

1. **Jesus Sees the Overlooked** – Whether Zacchaeus in the tree or Bartimaeus on the roadside, Jesus notices those society ignores.
 2. **Calling by Name** – Jesus not only sees, He knows us personally. His call is intimate and transforming.
 3. **Submission and Sacrifice** – Zacchaeus surrendered his wealth; Bartimaeus threw off his cloak. Following Jesus requires letting go.
 4. **Faith that Acts** – Both men responded immediately—running, climbing, shouting, and rising up. True faith moves us to action.
 5. **The Son of David Still Passes By** – Jesus continues to meet us in our places of need, inviting us to follow Him on the road that leads to life.
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2. Discussion Questions

1. What do you notice about the contrast between Zacchaeus (rich, despised) and Bartimaeus (poor, overlooked)? What does this teach us about the reach of the gospel?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose to call Zacchaeus by name publicly? What does that reveal about His mission?
3. Bartimaeus refused to be silenced by the crowd. How do outside pressures sometimes keep us from crying out to Jesus today?

4. Both men let go of something valuable to follow Christ (wealth, cloak). What might Jesus be asking you to lay down?

5. How do you personally hear and recognize the “call” of Jesus in your life?

6. If Jesus asked you today, “What do you want me to do for you?” how would you answer?

3. Applications

Individual or Group Practice:

1. **Identify Your Cloak** – Write down one thing (fear, comfort, habit, possession) that keeps you from fully following Jesus. Pray over it and commit to surrender it this week.
2. **Practice Bold Faith** – Share your testimony, pray aloud in a group, or invite someone to church. Like Bartimaeus, refuse to be silenced.
3. **Serve Tangibly** – As Zacchaeus restored to those he wronged, find one tangible way this week to bless someone—through generosity, reconciliation, or service.

4. Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, Son of David, thank You for seeing us, calling us by name, and offering us salvation. Teach us to lay down every cloak that holds us back and to follow You with open eyes and open hearts. Give us boldness like Bartimaeus to cry out, and humility like Zacchaeus to surrender. May our lives reflect Your love as we serve, give, and proclaim Your name. Amen.