



True Blindness

Mark 10:46-52

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“Faith is not a blind thing; for faith begins with knowledge.” C.H. Spurgeon



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10:46 Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road.

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

Matthew 20:29-34

“As they were leaving Jericho”

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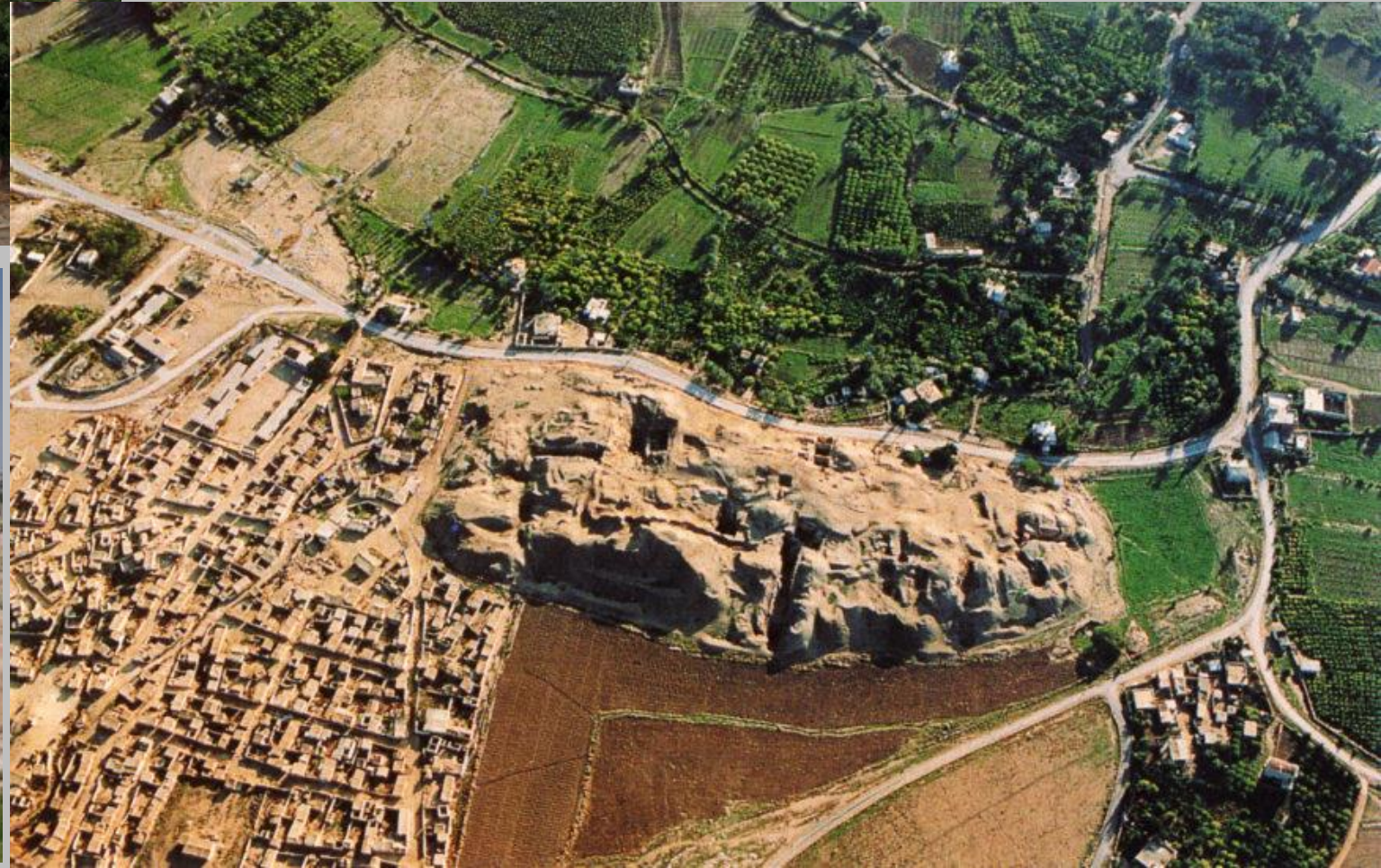
“And as He was leaving Jericho”

Luke 18:35-43

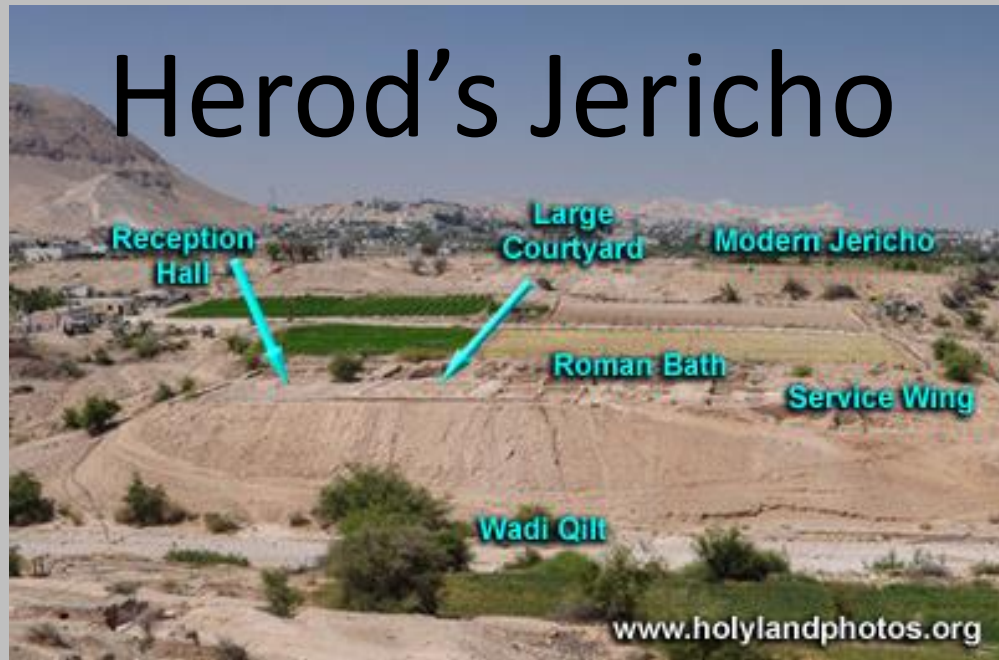
“As Jesus was approaching Jericho”

New Jericho

Old Jericho



Herod's Jericho



Called out in faith 46,47

- Two weeks from Passover
- 20 miles (30k) to Jerusalem – UPHILL
- +3500 feet elevation UP
- Blind Bartimaeus – “called out”
- Cried for mercy – not due

***“Spiritual blindness is only cured
by eyes of faith.”***



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“Concerning his Son,
who was descended from David
according to the flesh.”

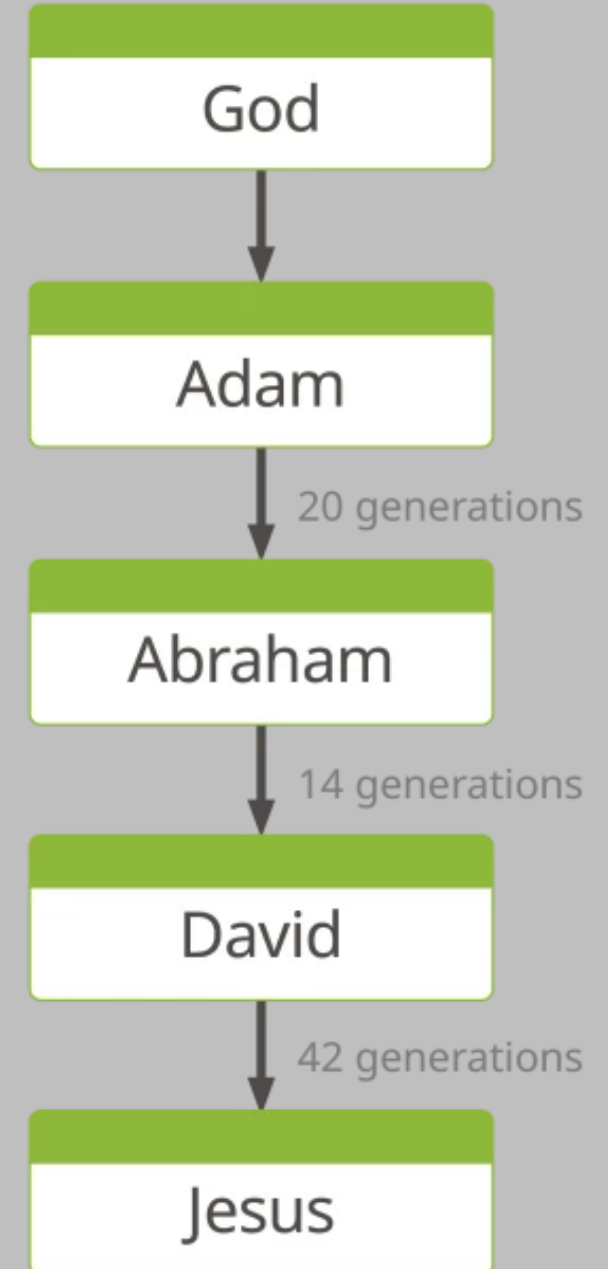
Romans 1:3



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**JESUS:
SON OF GOD
SON OF ADAM
SON OF ABRAHAM
SON OF DAVID**

Luke 3:23–38



Seventeen verses in the New Testament describe Jesus as the “son of David.”

Primarily, the title “Son of David” is more than a statement of physical genealogy. It is a Messianic title. When people referred to Jesus as the Son of David, they meant that He was the long-awaited Deliverer, promised in the Old Testament.

Claim of Jesus 47

- Man was no help – beggar
- Cried out to Messiah – Promised One
- Abraham, Moses, David – Jehovah
- Talking to God!

***True blindness is
refusing to see!***



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48 Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

49 And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him here.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.”



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Crying out more! 48,49

- Uninterested - crowds
- Unafraid – blind beggar
- Unashamed – blind beggar
- Undaunted – blind beggar

***Obstinance causes more
blindness than obscurity!***



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10:50,51 Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. And answering him, Jesus said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And the blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!”

Came to Jesus 50,51

- Loosing his cloak – jumped up!
- ‘what do you want me to do?’
- ‘Rabboni’ – 2X – Mary w/Jesus raised
- My Master – head of Sanhedrin

***Love is not blind –
it is forbearing!***



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10:52 And Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.

Commissioned by Jesus 52

- Miracle granted
- 10 Lepers – Luke 17
- ‘pity’ healed them – Grace saved one
- “your faith has made you well” 17:19
- Bartimaeus ‘followed Him’ – disciple!

***“Beware of a blinded
conscience; it is the prelude of
eternal destruction.
God save you from it!”
C.H. Spurgeon***



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I will be unafraid in my faith
I will be unashamed in my faith
I will be undaunted in my faith
I BELIEVE IN JESUS!

“True faith is not a leap into the dark; it's a leap into the light.” Eric Metaxas, Miracles



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