

30th Sunday –Notes on the Gospel—Mark 10.vv 46—52

Mission Sunday

“Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me “ Bartimaeus was a blind beggar in Jericho. As such, he would be on the margins of society—no social security in those days. The Lord was on his way to Jerusalem to face his passion and death . Though physically blind, it seems Bartimaeus realized the identity of Jesus—Son of David is a messianic title. He was a man of faith in Jesus .

“ Bystanders told him to keep quiet “ As a blind beggar, his status would be very low--and people in the crowd felt he should keep quiet, but he shouted all the more for Jesus.

“Call him here “ As usual, the Lord invites Bartimaeus to come to him. The lord always takes the initiative to invite us to himself.

“Courage, He is calling you” Some bystanders encourage Bartimaeus to go to Jesus.

“What do you want me to do for you “ It might seem a strange question to ask a blind man, but Our Lord always gets us to be active in praying to him for our needs.

“ Master, let me see again. Go, your faith has saved you “ This is the final miracle in Mark’s Gospel

“ He followed him along the road “ A description of a disciple, a follower of the Lord.