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# JESUS OF NAZARETH PASSES BY

And it came to pass that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked, "What is meant?" And they told him, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

Matthew, Mark and Luke tell this story in the life of Jesus. Only Mark identifies him by name. He is called Bartimaeus. He was blind and because there were no social programs to help those in this condition in those days, he was a beggar.

There are three types of blindness. First there is physical blindness such as Bartimaeus had and then there is mental blindness. We call it idiocy. There is a third type of blindness which is the worst of all, and that is spiritual blindness...People who are spiritually blind are unable to see scriptural truth. They are blinded by prejudice. They look at it, and just don't see it. I showed an open Bible to a man, and had it open at Mark the sixteenth chapter. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." I mentioned that it said, "He shall be saved after belief and baptism," and he said, "I don't see it."

It is well to remember that the Bible for many does not mean what it says, it means what you feel it says, the Bible means what you think it says, it means what your denomination says it says. The Bible can always be adjusted to a denomination mind set.

Such folk are spiritually blind. The real reason for spiritual blindness is in the words of the Apostle Paul in Second Corinthians chapter four when he says, "In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Bartimaeus was not spiritually blind. His spiritual vision was like that baseball player who had 20-40 vision. They said he could see the stitches on a baseball as it was thrown at ninety miles an hour by the pitcher. Jesus of

Nazareth passeth by and Bartimaeus saw something that many need to see. What did you see? He saw his need for Jesus.

He heard a multitude going by and asked what it meant. He was told Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. Today there is always a great multitude of people passing by especially on Sunday. The uproar is, tremendous. We hear them shout. Pandemonium seems to reign supreme. Hearing this great tumult if we inquire what it is all about one might be told it is the Super bowl, it is the World Series, or a Rock Concert. I would fervently hope that perhaps through the din of the noise on Sunday, the roar of the multitude, on the Lord's day that my voice can be heard on this broadcast saying, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." Jesus of Nazareth is passing by at this moment in the preaching of this message. He is passing by everytime an opportunity is give to contribute financially to His cause. Passing by everytime the opportunity comes to attend services. Jesus of Nazareth is always passing by for somebody somewhere.

He cried out, "Jesus of Nazareth have mercy on me." They rebuked him and told him to shut up, wonder why? Some Pharisees in the crowd may have objected to the term, Thou Son of David and advised him to cool it man, cool it. Then again some may have been like many today, Don't go crazy over religion. It is alright to squall like a crazy maniac at a ball game, but if you are in a church service, cool it man, cool it.

Bartimaeus would not be stopped. He cried out again. This time a different Greek word is used. This time it was a shriek, an almost inarticulate scream. HAVE MERCY ON ME! Not once but several times. Mark says he cried out the more a great deal. Think of it his voice was like a croaking noise. It was difficult to make out the words. Thou Son of David have mercy on me. That did it. He got the Lord's attention. Jesus stood still. In the Old Testament Joshua caused the sun to stand still. Here Bartimaeus does

something even greater. By screaming, "Jesus: Thou Son of David have mercy on me," he causes the Son of God to stand still. Think of it. Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem to die on the cross, yet by the shriek of this man; Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, "Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee." Jesus of Nazareth passeth by and Bartimaeus saw his need. He cried, "Jesus thou Son of David have mercy on me."

Jesus of Nazareth is passing by for many now on this broadcast. When we read in Revelation twenty: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Is that not enough to make one cry out, have mercy on me? Some may dismiss this thought as the ravings of what they call a Bible thumping, hell fire and brimstone preacher. The Lord will do some tall Bible thumping on the Judgment Day. He Himself said that the word he spake, the same would judge at the last day. What if there is a hell after all? Think about it. People are always telling others to go to hell. Could it be that they are telling people to go to a non-existent place?

What if it is true? The abortionist needs to cry, "Have mercy on me." The homosexual needs to cry out, "Have mercy on me." Is there anyone who is in danger of hell fire anymore than the members of the court that would make such laws as legalizing abortion, and forbidding prayer in public schools? Have mercy on me. Mercy is there; mercy is available. God was willing to forgive even those who were guilty of crucifying Jesus. Jesus said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." They were not forgiven at that moment at the cross while still unrepentant, but God did answer the prayer of Jesus on the day of Pentecost when the sin of the crucifixion was impressed upon them: "Ye by the hands of lawless men did crucify and slay." They were pricked in their hearts and said, "What shall we do," and Peter told them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

Again He comes from place to place His holy footprints we can trace.

He passes at our threshold, nay, He enters condescends to stay.

Shall we not gladly raise the cry, Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

Ho, all ye heavy laden come! Here's pardon, comfort rest and home

Ye wanderers from the Father's face, Return accept His offered grace.

Ye tempted ones, there's refuge nigh, Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

## SERMON BOOKS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

(A sermon on each of the 28 chapters)

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## LETTERS FROM LISTENERS



Hello Brother Ed,

Please keep the SERMON OF THE WEEK coming. I and others here in the prison enjoy them immensely! Enclosed is a small gift donation. It isn't much but may help your ministry in some small way. Keep up God's work and may you be blessed with many more years to continue His work.

In Christ, Daniel an inmate in Santa Rosa, NM

Dear Ed & Naomi,

I am writing to express my joy for your broadcast, which has become a blessing to me. Friends, you are such a blessing here in Zambia. Please keep it up! You are building the kingdom. We love you so much and may God continue to bless you more and more. Ed, we have decided to start a prayer team for RADIO AFRICA. We are already 20 praying together for Radio Africa. Please send us your prayer requests. The prayer team will be praying every day. We are so encouraged by your broadcast--GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY. We love you.

With much love, Brother Francis

Dear Minister of God,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ the author and finisher of our faith. Thank you for your broadcast which I listen to on RADIO AFRICA. I am writing to let you know that I am a Muslim by birth but after listening to your life changing messages I this day acknowledge before the Lord that I am a sinner, I believe that Christ who died for me is God's free gift of salvation. I now turn from my sins and receive Him as my own personal savior. Please without much delay send a copy of God's Holy book full Bible to me and other helpful literature. Please pray for me that I might live for Christ.

Yours in Christ love,

Ahmed from Nigeria, West Africa

RECEPTION REPORT of short wave broadcasts from Pan American Broadcast. The "God Is Just A Prayer Away" radio broadcast was heard in Thomaston, CT USA Bible Voice Middle East. Bible Voice Europe was heard in Chimbote, Peru; Berwick-Upon-Tweed, England; Kungsbacka, Sweden and Vetlanda, Sweden.

Dear Fellow Workers in Christ,

Having received your information from Brother John and going through it, I decided to write you immediately. I am brother George who has just returned home in Liberia from the refugee camp in Ghana. I left Ghana on the 4th of February and arrived home on the 15th. I have since established the Church (of Christ) on the 22nd after my arrival. The Church is doing fine. It is my appeal at this time that you please help me with Bible lessons for the students that I am teaching. I also need Bibles for the students and the Church. During the war many Liberians ran without taking anything. So they don't have Bibles to learn God's word at home and even in the Church during worship. The few

Bibles that some members had were burnt up by Moslems. I also want to engage in your Radio Ministry. This makes it so much easier to win souls for Christ. Thanks and may God richly bless you.

Your brother in Christ from Weala Church of Christ in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa

Dear Evangelist Bousman,

Warmest greetings. I came across your radio broadcast on Radio Africa and I want you to know that your messages touched my heart deeply, in fact they transformed my life! You see, I was born into an Islamic family in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria. I've been in the Islamic religion for the past thirty years but thanks to your radio ministry, I've truly found God's only way to life. I want you to know that I have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. Praise the Lord! Due to face of persecutions and possible death threats to my life I am yet to make my recent conversion public. Being once a Moslem, I wish to request for a healthy supply of follow-up materials such as a copy of the Holy Bible, audio tapes and other helpful literature to help me grow in my newly found faith. Please remember me in your prayers. Keep up the good work on Radio Africa. I'm prayer for you and this radio ministry always. Thanks and God bless you.

Imhoede from Benue State,  
Nigeria, West Africa

Dear Ed Bousman,

This letter is written to inform you that we the prisoners here in cellblock 1-11 (104 of us) listened to your program on the Radio Africa through Ayodeji. We listened to your program through the help of Ayodeju who provided a radio set for each of the 11 cells in our prison yard so that we can hear your program. We thank Ayodeji for his good deed in ensuring that we hear your program. Your program really touched our lives and it made us truly understand the word of God more. We need Bibles because we have no Bibles and if each prisoner should write you individually the letters will be too much in one envelope, this is the reason we were advised to jointly write this letter by listing all our names for you to write on each Bible. We really do enjoy your program, "God Is Just A Prayer Away" on every Monday at 7 PM. Many thanks from Deji and 101 others listed above.

Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.

**(102 Bibles along with the 1st five lessons of Studies in the Bible were sent.)**

Dear Mr. Bousman,

I am writing you from the Arkansas Department of Correction-Varner unit. I was told by another inmate that I should write you after he saw the Bible that was given to me by a friend who has since went home. Well to make a long story short, the Bible is falling apart. I saw the large print Bible you sent to the inmate that told me to write you and ask for one. I would really like to have a new Bible to replace the one I have now. I would really cherish a Bible sent to me by you. Thank you and God bless you and your family.

Floyd from Arkansas prison

## COMMUNION MEDITATION *The Good Shepherd*

In the gospel according to John chapter 10 Jesus referred to Himself three times as the Good Shepherd. "I Am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd layeth down His life for the sheep. I Am the Good Shepherd; and I know mine own and mine own know Me, even as the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."

There are four areas in particular where Jesus is the Good Shepherd. First He is the Good Shepherd at the cross. He laid down His life for the sheep. As a Christian I can say that Jesus died for me.

In the second place Jesus is also the Good Shepherd at the empty tomb where He was raised up from the dead. In Hebrews 13 we read, Now the God of peace who brought again from the dead the Great Shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus Christ, make you perfect in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory forever and ever Amen.

In the third place Jesus is the Good Shepherd as He shepherds us in living the Christian life. He said, "My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand."

As long as we continue to hear His voice and follow Him we have security in Christ. This promise is for the sheep that continue to hear His voice and follow Him.

In the fourth place Jesus is the Good Shepherd in His Second Coming. Peter states it for us when he says in First Peter 5, "The elders therefore among you I exhort, who am a fellow elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Tend the flock of God which is among you exercising the oversight, not by constraint, but willingly, according to the will of God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away."

When that great day arrives, it is the Good Shepherd that will call His sheep from the grave and they will hear His voice and rise to follow Him into the eternal home. So as we break the loaf and drink of the cup, let us think of Jesus the Good Shepherd, and Bishop of our souls.

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**Sunday Morning Worship - July 24th**  
 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
 Ed Bousman, preaching

**Area Rally - Sunday Evening**  
**July 24th at 7:00 p.m.**  
 Devotional Speaker  
 Brett & Nikki Adams - Featured Concert

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00-9:30		<b>Morning Worship--Everyone at Main Pavilion</b>		
9:40-10:10		Olan Hicks	Paul Ponchot	George Faull
10:20-10:50		Mike Rife	Tom Reid	Matthew Sullivan
11:00-11:35		Glenn Bourne	Shawn McMullen	Denny Coburn
2:00-2:05		<b>Scripture and Prayer</b>		
		<b>Congregational Singing</b>		
2:10-2:55		Special Session	Tony Sullivan	3/5 Session
		<b>Congregational Singing</b>		
3:10-3:55		Jerry Paul	David Frye	Jeff Faull
7:00-7:05		<b>Scripture and Prayer</b>		
7:05-7:20		<b>Special Music Concerts</b>		
7:20-7:50	Ray Bennett	Jim Girdwood	Glenn Bourne	David Frye
7:50-8:20	<b>Congregational Singing and Special Music</b>			
8:20-8:55	Danny Vanscoy	Tony Sullivan	Jeff Faull	Ed Bousman

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 Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.  
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