

Sermon Summary for 20th May, 2018

"BLIND BARTIMAEUS: BELIEVING IS SEEING"

Numbers 14: 20 - 24; Mark 10: 46 - 52

(Rev. Francis Yaw Boamah)

As we journey through the Gospel of Mark, we come today to an interesting encounter between Jesus and a Jewish man at the outskirts of Jericho. The man is described as 'blind' and a roadside 'beggar'. His name is Bartimaeus.

Throughout the gospel narratives, the true identity of Jesus appears to be concealed to the people around Him. The only exception is the demon-possessed people. (Mark 1:21-25 ESV) After Jesus calmed the storm at sea, this is how the Bible records the reaction of His disciples: "And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:41 ESV) That is why the story of this disabled, destitute, Jewish man, Bartimaeus is a breath of fresh air.

This is the story: There is some commotion at the outskirts of the city. Inquiry. Response: Some people called the name of Jesus. "... he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth ..." (Mark 10:47a ESV) Then Bartimaeus called out to Jesus. "... he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mark 10:47b) He repeated the name he had heard (Jesus) but changed the title to a national messianic one ('of Nazareth' became 'Son of David'). He must have recalled something he had heard much earlier on. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this." (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7) also (Isaiah 61:1-2 ESV)

Compare: "Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." (John 1:45-46) Bartimaeus 'saw' what sighted people could not see. He received a touch that able-bodied men and women did not receive.

Jesus called Bartimaeus and cured him. "And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." (Mark 10:49) When He got the chance to address Jesus face-to-face, Bartimaeus called Jesus 'Rabbi' or 'Rabboni' which translates, my Master - an expression of personal faith in Jesus. Bartimaeus did not earn his healing, rather the atmosphere of faith provided his healing.

This is the last recorded healing miracle in the gospel of Mark. Jesus, the Servant King is on His way to Jerusalem to the cross and yet He interrupts His journey in order to serve the need of a blind beggar. What amazing love, what mercy, what grace.

Bartimaeus followed Jesus - discipleship.

This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ Pray for the committee charged with drawing up a 40-year development/strategic plan for LIC.

✠ Pray for the students as they write their exams; that as they revise, God will strengthen them; He will grant them retentive memory and enable them answer the questions appropriately (Deut. 28:13; Ja. 1:5)

✠ Pray against any ill health among students; cancelling every agenda of the enemy against them. Declare that none shall fall sick or miss a paper. Let's establish the victory of the Lord over their lives (3 Jn. 1:2; Isa. 54:17; Matt 18:18-19)

✠ Pray that God's peace will guard the hearts of all who have difficult decisions to make; that His Spirit will guide & lead them to do His will (Phil 4:6,7; Isa. 48:17, 26:3, 30:21)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

27 May: Dr. Emmanuel Jojo Aryee
28 May: Mr. Atta Geoffrey Akpedonu
28 May: Mr. Kuma Jeffrey Akpedonu
28 May: Ms. Monica A. Boa-Amponsem
28 May: Mr. Christopher Frimpong
29 May: Mr. John Windie Ansah
29 May: Mr. Kwaku Gyasi Arthur
29 May: Mr. Theophilus Aryee
29 May: Mr. David Duthie
29 May: Ms. Helena Abena Konadu
30 May: Mrs. Comfort Sidza Buame
30 May: Rev. Prof. Joshua N. Kudadjie
30 May: Ms. Mirriam Kaki Kudadjie
30 May: Mr. Emmanuel Richard
31 May: Mr. Richard Dodzi Doe-Sallah
31 May: Mr. Alex Narh Okunor
31 May: Mr. Jerry Otchi

1 Jun: Mrs. Christina Ammah Noi-Okwei
1 Jun: Mrs. Angelina Adogla-Bessa
1 Jun: Dr. William Kofi Ahadzie
1 Jun: Mrs. Akua Sakyibea Ano - Ampofo
1 Jun: Mr. Ernest Joojo Arthur
1 Jun: Mr. Frank Danquah Obeng
1 Jun: Mr. Godfred Kwaku Odoom
2 Jun: Miss Elfreda Addae
2 Jun: Mr. Charles Adomako
2 Jun: Mrs. Comfort Ahwoi
2 Jun: Mr. Sylvester Amoah
2 Jun: Mr. Keith Essel Arthur
2 Jun: Darrell Senyo Dzorgbo
2 Jun: Prof. Samuel Otu Gyandoh Jnr.
2 Jun: Mr. Benjamin Tetteh
2 Jun: Ms. Ekuia Duamoa Yeboah

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

27 May: Daniel & Nana Adwoa Liadey
29 May: Aaron & Felicia Abuosi
30 May: Mr. & Mrs. Owusu-Ansah
30 May: A. A. & Janet Alemna
31 May: Kwadwo Otu & Yaa Addae
1 Jun: Kofi & Charity Budu Laryea
1 Jun: Alfred & Esther Addison
1 Jun: Gerald and Vida Fletcher
2 Jun: Samuel & Evelyn Onwuona

WELCOME



TO

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SUNDAY, 27TH MAY, 2018



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LIC: SAVED TO SERVE!

The Council of Elders and Pastors heartily welcome you to God's House this Sunday morning: Akwaaba!

YEAR'S THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS - A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

SUNDAY SERVICE STARTS @ 8: 00AM WITH BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY, 27TH MAY, 2018

Officiant: Dr. Maureen Iheanacho
 Sermon Topic: "The King on His Way to Die"
 Preacher: Rev. Mrs. Agnes Phillips
 Lectors: Mr. Arnold Poku-Adu and Mrs. Charity Budu-Laryea
 Notices: Dr. Esi Ansah

Scripture Passages: **Zechariah 9: 9 – 11 and Mark 11: 1 - 11**

Opening Hymn: "And Can It Be?"
 Song Ministration: LIC Choir
 Closing Hymn: "All Glory, Laud and Honour"

REFLECTION: A kingly welcome to a gruesome death

When Israel welcomed the King to Jerusalem, it was to solve their physical problem: they had finally found a messianic deliverer who would lead the revolt against the Romans. But the King's entry into Jerusalem was an entry into eternity. To conquer death, not their enemies. To save them from sin not sinners. To live in their hearts, and not to live amongst them. Have you also triumphantly welcomed Him because of your problems, or because you, personally, need deliverance?
 —JNA (May - 2018)

STUDENTS' SERVICE @ 6:30AM

SUNDAY, 27TH MAY, 2018 (PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE)

Topic: "Thanksgiving: A Year of Pleasant Places" Preacher: Mr. T. V. O. Lamptey
 Scripture Passages: Psalm 16: 1 - 11 Time: 6:30am

NEXT SUNDAY, 3RD JUNE, 2018

No Service ... as the University Students go on vacation

NEXT SUNDAY, 3RD JUNE, 2018

Officiant: Mrs. Bernice Offei
 Sermon Topic: "Jesus' Judgement on Religion"
 Preacher: Mr. Julius Duah Coomson
 Lectors: Dr. Nana Akua Anyidoho and Mr. Ben Asiedu
 Scripture Readings: **Isaiah 1: 10 - 17 and Mark 11: 12 - 19**
 Notices: Dr. Esi Ansah



Activity for 27th May, 2018

'TREASURE HUNT'

Leaders:
 Esther Aryee; Michael Sereboo;
 Gwendolyn Quarley
 Time is **4:00pm @ LIC**

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS' & ASSISTANTS' MEETING — THIS WEEK!

All Bible Study Leaders and Assistants are reminded of their meeting with the Coordinators at 6.30pm on **WEDNESDAY**, 30th and **THURSDAY**, 31st May. Please prepare **Lesson 6** (The Book of Judges) **BEFORE** the meeting.

Visitors' Reception for JUNE, 2018

Dr. Maureen Iheanacho and Mr. Ebenezer Nortey



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish for the **SECOND TIME**, the bans between **Mr. John Kojo Aggrey** of Christ the King Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA and **Ms. Bernice Owusu-Brown** of LIC.

Please inform the Pastors or Presiding Elder if you know of any just and valid reason why these persons may not be lawfully joined together in marriage. Kindly keep them in prayer.

LIC EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Applications for the 2018/2019 academic year may be submitted from now till Sunday, 15th July. Applicants should be registered members of LIC with a minimum of 2 years of membership. The Fund supports vocational, technical and tertiary levels up to First Degree ONLY.

SUNDAY, 27TH MAY, 2018

Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)
 Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)

Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)
 Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae (0243-367611)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Reception

Counseling

NEXT SUNDAY, 3RD JUNE, 2018

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)
 Mr. K. K. Ohene-Adu (0244-631600)

Prof. Esther Sakyi-Dawson (050 256 8615)
 Mrs. Monica Senanu (0244748746)

PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER

The Prayer Ministry requests the under-listed persons to kindly provide the Ministry with their active/current contact numbers and professions as they pray for them this week. The Ministry's week begins on Monday and runs until Saturday.

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| Ms. Sheila Agyemang | Mrs. Ama Safoa Derban | Mr. Emmanuel Toruka Kona |
| Ms. Jennifer Ofosuhermaa Boateng | Mr. Stanley Asante-Berko | Ms. Delali Abia Dziedzoave |
| Ms. Yvonne Attigah | Mr. Emmanuel Chinweuba Ottih | Ms. Josephine Ekuwa Saighoe |
| Ms. Bernice Owusu-Brown | Mr. Martin Wiredu Agyekum | Mr. Ahmed Shafeeq |
| Ms. Ruth Tenkoramaa Nyarko | Ms. Francisca Korantemaa Darfour | Ms. Yvonne Twumwaa Antwi |

Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12 noon on Wednesday: Mr. Kofi Yeboah - 0244875493 and Mrs. Ruth Opoku - 0509547267. Also, **please update your records with the Church Office.**



MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES

YEAR THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS — A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

Coordinator - Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey (024 355 3859)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Fri. 1-June	10:00pm-4:00am	Mr. Terry Jumah	All-Night Prayer Meeting	WHO ART THOU O GREAT MOUNTAIN? (Zechariah 4:1-7)	Pastor Selassie Mawuenyega
Wed. 6-June	6:30pm-8:00pm	Mrs. Anastasia Aikins	Prayer & Teaching Service	"The Believer's Mission: The Essence Of The Operational Gifts (The Father)" (1 Cor. 12: 6, 27-31)	Rev. Francis Yaw Boamah
Wed. 13-June	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mr. David Avor	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Mr. Kofi Asomaning. Music by the LIC Choir.	
Fri. 22-June	6:30pm-8:00pm	LIC NIGHT AT THE MOVIES			
Wed. 27-June	6:30pm-8:00pm	WORSHIP NIGHT ... with Mr. Frank Eleblu as the coordinator			

PRAYER MEETINGS:

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 7:30 am - 7:50 am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Monday: In the Vestry @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which will be from 6.30 – 8.30 pm; Saturday: Prayer for Missions @ 7:00 - 8:30am on the Right Verandah of the Sanctuary; All Night Prayer Meeting: 1st Friday of the Month @ 10 pm - 4:00 am in the Sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDIES: Sunday: 8:00 - 9:00am; Monday: 6:45 - 8:00pm