

# EVANGELISM

## Simple Evangelism...



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### **...That Appears To Slow Your Forward Progress**

Jesus had a very special place to be: Jerusalem. You know why. That's right, the Cross. Nothing would deter him. However, he was more than willing to stop along the way for a blind beggar in need. The Blind Beggar was persistent and expectant. He knew what he wanted from Jesus. He spoke up...called out..."Hey, you there, Jesus, Son of David, help! Have mercy on me!" Other than that, he was an obstacle. His condition kept him in the dungeon of Jewish society...the bottom floor...the dumps...the pits. Maybe, if he was lucky, a family member or even a passing stranger would offer him a morsel to nibble upon. It didn't stop his blind eyes from looking up...up to Jesus. He heard that Jesus was passing by and he seized his opportunity. The encounter he created has much to teach us about both the giver of good news and the receiver of good news.

Let's take a look first at the Blind Beggar...and leave the best for last, Jesus...

#### **Four things to note about the Blind Beggar**

1. The Blind Beggar knew about Jesus.
2. The Blind Beggar insisted he needed rescue.
3. The Blind Beggar's hope bordered on certainty.
4. The Blind Beggar pleaded for the Lord's help.



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### Three things to note about Jesus

1. Jesus stopped his forward progress. He was just as interested in a blind beggar calling out for help as he was in completing the master plan of history.
2. Jesus gave the beggar that for which he asked. He's like that...a compassionate, involved, perceptive, patient gentleman.
2. Jesus met the beggar by the road and placed him on the road. He ushered the beggar out of the marginalized sideline of society into the center of both history's and eternity's attention.

Application:

How do we do this?

How do we identify the marginalized...those sitting by the road?

What is your part in getting folks on the road following Jesus?

*I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but that you keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to the world just as I do not belong to the world. Set them apart in the truth; your word is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.*

Jesus praying for his followers way back then  
and for all his followers to come:  
John 17:15-18

