

## BUT FIRST, JERICHO

This is a message of encounter with Jesus!

**Acts 4:13** – “Now when the men of the Sanhedrin (Jewish High Court) saw the confidence and boldness of Peter and John, and grasped the fact that they were uneducated and untrained [ordinary] men, they were astounded, and began to recognize that they had been with Jesus.” (AMP)

**One moment with Jesus will change EVERYTHING!**

When we spend TIME with Jesus, it creates a new confidence and boldness in us!

**Mark 10:32-34** – “They were now on their way up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were filled with awe, and the people following behind were overwhelmed with fear. Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to Him. “Listen,” he said, “we’re going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of the religious law. They will sentence Him to die and hand Him over to the Romans. They will mock him, spit on Him, flog Him with a whip, and kill Him, but after three days He will rise again.” (NLT)

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On the way to the final destination, there were still encounters to be had in Jericho!

## **BARTIMAEUS**

**Mark 10:46-52** - <sup>46</sup> Then they came to Jericho. And later, as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a beggar who was blind named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. <sup>47</sup> And when he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they \*called the man who was blind, saying to him, "Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." <sup>50</sup> And throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> And replying to him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the man who was blind said to Him, "Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!" <sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." And immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road. (NASB)

TCC it's personal to you! An encounter is here for you!

When Bartimaeus heard that JESUS was walking by- HOPE CAME ALIVE!

## **ZACCHEUS**

**Luke 19:1-10** – "Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. <sup>3</sup> Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable due to the crowd, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree in order to see Him, because He was about to pass through that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." <sup>6</sup> And he hurried and came down, and received Him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> When the people saw this, they all began to complain, saying, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner!" <sup>8</sup> But Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I am giving to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I am giving back four times as much." <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (NASB)

Jesus knew his name.....TCC, Jesus knows YOUR name

True change happens in the presence of the Lord!