

The Blind Beggar

One day Jesus and some of his disciples were walking through Jerusalem. “Disciple” is a bible word that means Jesus’s helper, people who were going to go with him and learn to be more like him so they could help tell people about him and God’s love. As they were walking, they came upon a man sitting on the ground begging for money. This man was blind, and he had been that way since he was born. His eyes did not work. Because he couldn’t see, he couldn’t get a job or provide for himself. All he could do was sit and ask people to give him money for food. The disciples were very curious about this man. They asked Jesus if God had made him blind to punish him because he had done something wrong or if he was blind because his parents had done something wrong. Jesus answered that his condition had nothing to do with him or his parents. This man was blind so Jesus could heal him and show the world the wonderful things God can do.

Jesus walked up to the man. He spit on the ground and then swirled it around with his fingers until it made a muddy clay. Jesus took the clay and put it on the beggar’s eyes. Then Jesus told the man to go to The Pool of Siloam and wash the clay off his eyes. The man stood up, made his way to the pool, and washed his face just as Jesus had told him to do. When he opened his eyes, he could see! Jesus had healed him.

All the people around the pool were curious about what had just happened. They asked him who healed him, and he said, “I don’t know, I didn’t see him, but they called him Jesus.” This made a lot of people very angry because they did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God. They thought Jesus was just trying to trick people and confuse them. They said if Jesus did this work, then he was breaking a rule because it was against the rules to work on the Sabbath. The Sabbath day was for resting and worshipping. If Jesus was God’s Son, he wouldn’t have been breaking the rules. The man said, “all I know was that I was blind but now I see.” When the man still believed Jesus was the Son of God, they kicked him out of the temple, but he went on telling lots and lots of people about Jesus.