

Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, May 30th 2012

This is the second of two cures of blind men in Mark's gospel. Opening the eyes of the blind was prophesied as one of the works of the Messiah. In fact, in the very next scene, he is being proclaimed by the crowds as Messiah. Gone is the secrecy of before; the 'messianic secret' is out! They are approaching Jerusalem (15 miles away), where the story will reach its climax with his death and resurrection. In Jerusalem many eyes will still be blind to him; or worse, will be watching him with malevolent intent. In the meantime, Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, having received his sight, followed him to Jerusalem. This is a meditation on the different kinds of blindness.

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