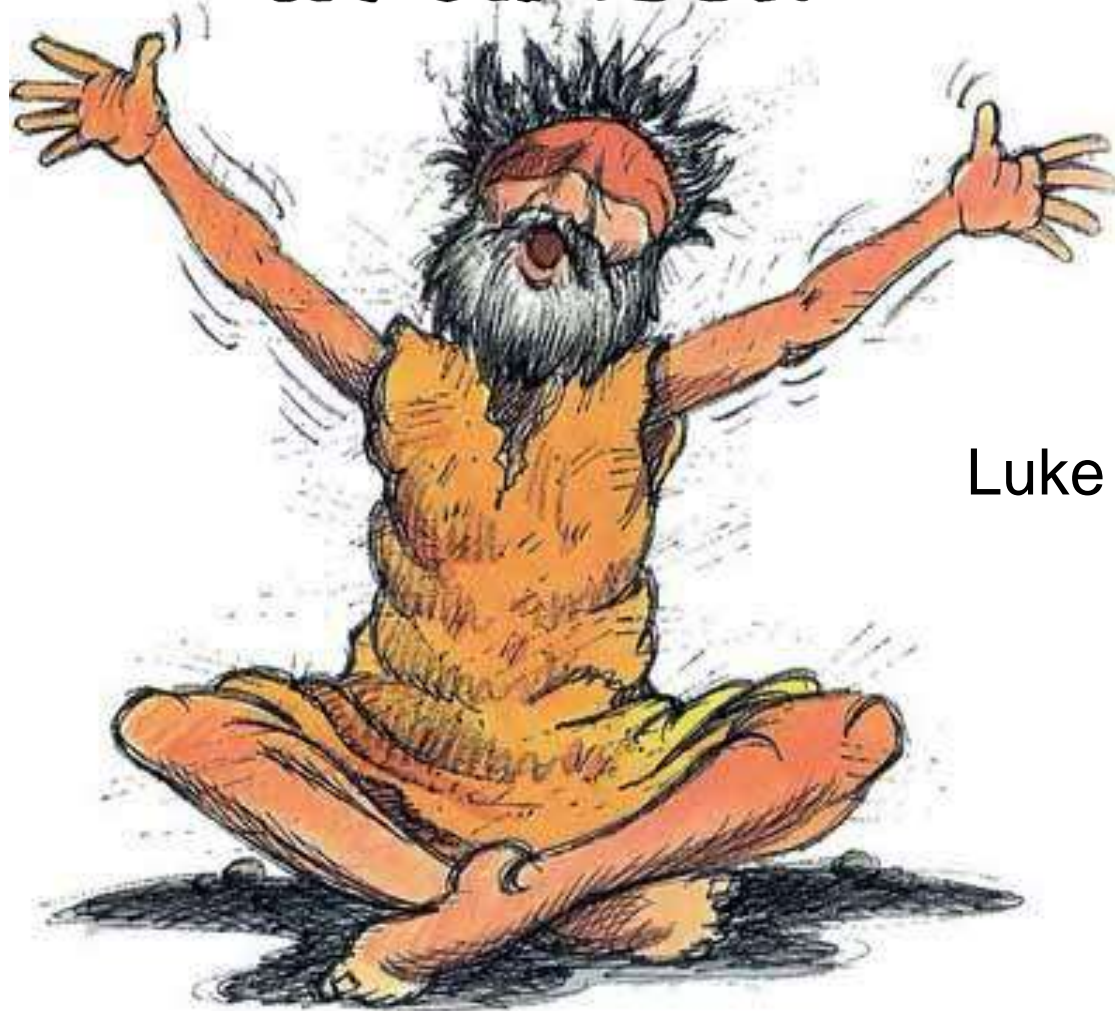
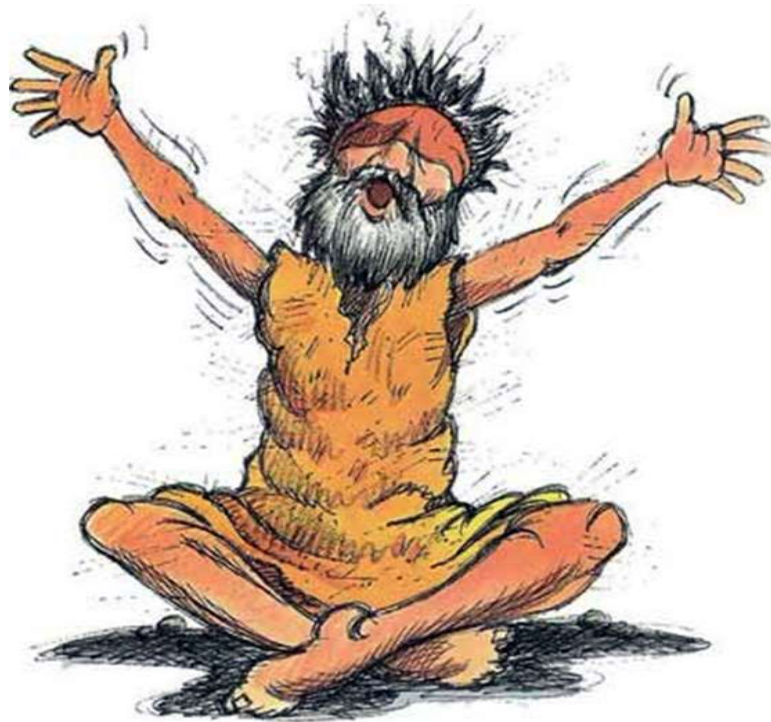


The Amazing Testimony of Mr. Timson



Luke 18:35-43

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. Mark 10:46



A man without a name ?

As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

Jericho



Jericho (Oldest)



Jericho (New - Herodian)



leaving the city
Mark & Matthew

As Jesus approached Jericho
Luke

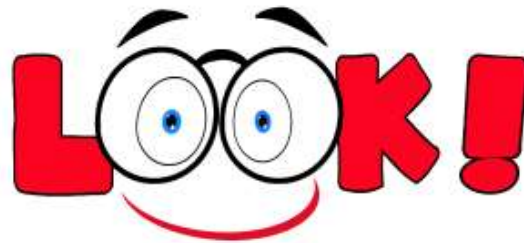
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A familiar scene ... someone in need

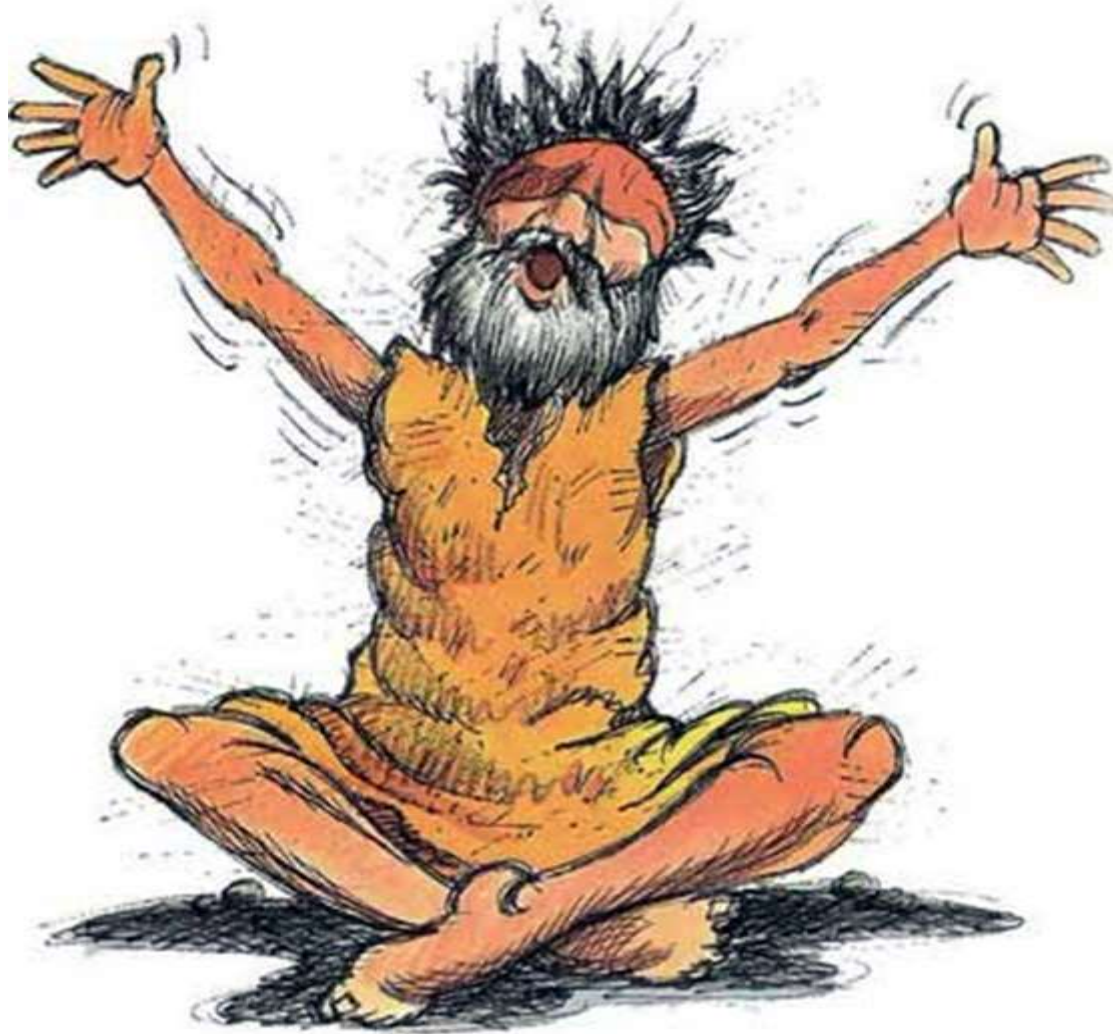
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**WHAT'S
HAPPENING
NOW!!**



**Curiosity can be a good thing.
Are you?**

They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."
He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"



How did what he said tell us what he knew?

Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet,



Did they think he's a nuisance?

“they” told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more,
"Son of David, have mercy on me!"

PERSEVERANCE:
IF AT FIRST YOU
DON'T SUCCEED,
TRY, TRY AGAIN

**How does faith (and desperation)
help you respond to discouragements?**

Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him.



Jesus' responds to his call

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. Mark 10:49-50



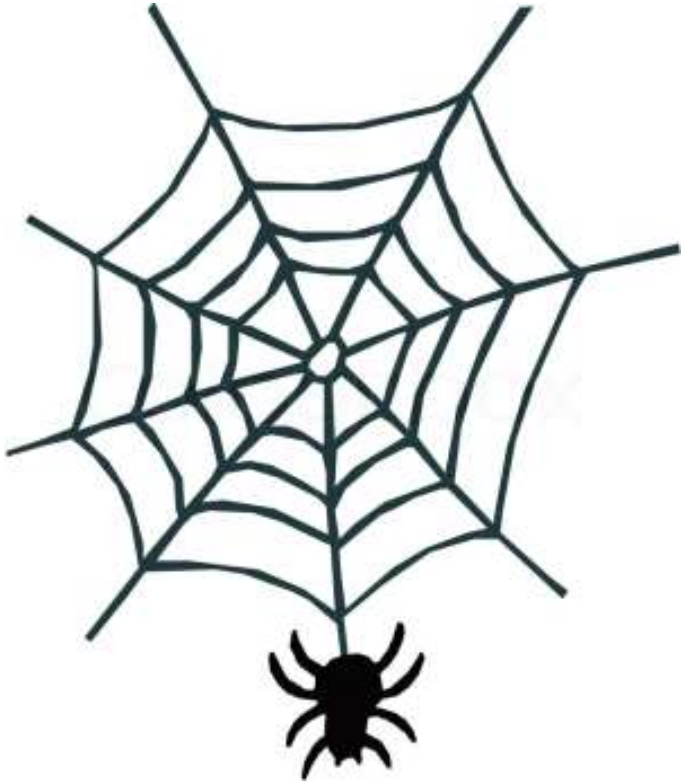
Why did he leave his cloak?

When he came near, Jesus asked him,
"What do you want me to do for you?"



Why isn't that a dumb question?

"Lord, I want to see," he replied.



**I don't want my old life anymore.
I want a new one.**

Jesus said to him,
"Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."



Why does Jesus place the emphasis on his faith?

Your faith has healed you
(faith in who Jesus is and what he will do)
He could 'see' before he was healed



Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus,
praising God.



**The first person he saw was Jesus
and he FOLLOWED and PRAISED.
Jesus wants followers.**

When all the people saw it, they also praised God.



Praise the Lord

They were glad when he was blessed !

Jericho to Jerusalem



**Jesus won't be going this way again!
This opportunity to receive Jesus will never happen again.
It may be the last.**