



SEEING JESUS
CLEARLY

***“Jesus, Son of David,
have mercy on me!”***

“What do you want Me to do for you?”

“Lord, I want to regain my sight!”

***“Receive your sight;
your faith has made you well.”***

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(Luke 19:1-2)

³Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.

(Luke 19:3-4)

⁵When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”

(Luke 19:5)

⁶And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. ⁷When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”

(Luke 19:6-7)

⁸Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.”

(Luke 19:8)

***⁹And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.
¹⁰For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”***



(Luke 19:9-10)

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We learn of a short man sitting on a tree in the city of Jericho

When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly.

We learn of a desperate man's
silent cry for help

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**We learn of the faith and
repentance of the man**

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EXAMPLE OF REPENTANCE IN ACTION

Young Father Confesses Bank Robbery From Baptist Pulpit

TOPEKA, Kan.—(AP)—A youthful father, speaking from a church pulpit, described his part in a bank robbery and said God told him to give himself up.

"I thought about the bank robbery many times," 23-year-old Albert H. Johnson said yesterday. "About five weeks ago it really started bothering me.

"I prayed about it and asked the Lord to give me an answer. It seemed that He would give me only one answer and that was to give myself up."

Formal Confession

Saturday Johnson made a formal statement to County Attorney Donald Sands admitting the robbery. He originally had planned to confess in church, then surrender to authorities. But he was prevailed upon to appear before county officials first.

Johnson said if he is sent to the penitentiary, he will "try to convert men there."

His public confession in the Seward Avenue Baptist church was punctuated by frequent cries of "Amen!" and "Bless you, brother!" from the audience of about 100.

Wife Hears Him

His wife and five months old son were in the audience. Johnson, a sheet metal worker at the Santa Fe railway shops here, is a member of the church.

"I fully realize that if I am con-

victed the penalty may be from 10 to 50 years in the penitentiary," he said. "Naturally I hope that because of the change that has taken place in my life, leniency will be shown.

"I am interested in the Youth for Christ movement and as soon as this is straightened out I want to enter the ministry and tell the younger kids what happened to me and how I was saved."

On \$5,000 Bail

He was arraigned Saturday on charges of bank robbery and armed kidnaping and released on \$5,000 bail pending a preliminary hearing May 12.

Johnson said he had two accomplices, that both were still alive and that he received \$315 as his share of the loot. He said the leader was an older man who borrowed \$100 from a Perry, Kan., bank to buy weapons and ammunition for the robbery.

The Kansas statute of limitations requires criminal prosecution to start within two years after a crime and since the robbery occurred four years ago, this stands in the way of conviction. Johnson has not indicated whether he will waive the limitation.

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**We learn of Jesus’ intent
for His journey to Jerusalem**

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. (Isaiah 53:6)



“I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”

(John 10:9-11)

***“Behold, I stand at the door and knock;
if anyone hears My voice and opens the
door, I will come in to him and will dine
with him, and he with Me.”***

(Revelation 3:20)



CHALLENGE

Since Jesus has the power to save and transform any person who comes to Him in faith, regardless of stature, status, sickness, or degree of sinfulness, all of us can and should seek Him in faith.