

Three Encounters with the LORD

King – Josiah

- 2Kings 22
 - When a young king / 26 (vs. 3)
 - He repaired the temple (vs. 4-7)
 - God's word was found & read to him (vs. 8-10)
 - His reaction on hearing God's word (vs. 11-13)
 - God's judgment on Judah (vs. 14-17)
 - God's words of peace to Josiah (vs. 18-20)
- 2Kings 23
 - Josiah assembles the nation & swears a covenant (vs. 1-3)
 - God's worship purified (starting from the Temple & working outward)
 - the Temple purged (vs. 4)
 - idolatrous priest put down (vs. 5)
 - grove in the Temple destroyed (vs. 6)
 - sodomites' houses @ Temple destroyed (vs. 7)
 - high places in Judah's cities destroyed (vs. 8)
 - Topheth (Molech worship site) destroyed (vs. 10)
 - Horses dedicated to sun worship destroyed (vs. 11)
 - Altars of former kings destroyed (vs. 12)
 - Solomon's high places destroyed (vs. 13)
 - Images & groves destroyed (vs. 14)
 - The altar at Bethel defiled (vs. 15-18)
 - Samaria's high places & priests destroyed (vs. 19-20)
 - All abominations removed to fulfill God's word (vs. 24)
 - God's Passover kept
 - Kept as commanded in God's word (vs. 21)
 - Most glorious ever celebrated! (vs. 22-23)
 - Like no other king like Josiah in his conversion (vs. 25)

Man born blind (John 9)

- Introduction
 - Disciples' question about the man born blind (vs. 1-5)
 - Jesus heals him (vs. 6-7)
- His testimony
 - The reaction of the people who knew him (vs. 8-10)
 - He tells others of his healing (vs. 11)
- His encounter with the Pharisees
 - Problem: he was healed on the Sabbath (vs. 14)
 - Pharisees question: How did he receive sight (vs. 15)?
 - Debate & division among the Pharisees (vs. 16)
 - His opinion – Jesus is a prophet (vs. 17)
 - Jews disbelieve he was blind & ask his parents (vs. 18-23)

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- The Pharisees claim Jesus a sinner (vs. 24)
- He states his healing (vs. 25)
- He rebuffs their question (vs. 26–27)
- They attack him (vs. 28–29)
- He defends Jesus (vs. 30–33)
- They reject him (vs. 34)
- Jesus seeks him out
 - Jesus asks of his faith (vs. 35)
 - He declares his desire (vs. 36)
 - Jesus reveals Himself to him (vs. 37)
 - He worships his Lord (vs. 38)

Zacchaeus (Luke 19)

- He wants to see Jesus
 - He was chief of publicans, hated by the Jews (vs. 2)
 - He was rich (vs. 2)
 - He came to see Jesus (vs. 3)
 - He could not see Him – he was short (vs. 3)
 - He climbs a tree to see him (vs. 4)
- Jesus sees him
 - Jesus calls him by name (vs. 5)
 - Jesus goes to his house for a meal (vs. 5)
 - He joyfully receives Jesus (vs. 6)
 - The people around murmur (vs. 7)
- Zacchaeus answers (vs. 8)
 - He gives to the poor substantially
 - He makes ample restitution
- Jesus defends him (vs. 9–10)
 - Did these things eternally save him? No!
 - Salvation was manifested that day
 - Zacchaeus showed he had Abraham's nature

Lessons

- Josiah
 - He was tender heart in wanting to please the LORD.
 - He showed zeal in purging sin his life
 - He showed zeal in the LORD's worship
- Man born blind
 - His gratefulness for God's deliverance
 - His fearlessness in following the LORD
 - His continuance in the truth when rejected by others

Three Encounters with the LORD

- Zacchaeus
 - His desire to see the LORD
 - His joy in answer to Jesus' invitation
 - The thoroughness in his obedience