

A Blind Eyewitness

Luke 18:35-43

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Play-Doh Jesus:

Jesus the Activist

Jesus the Nugget

Jesus the Genie

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"Better to be blind and see with your heart, than to have two good eyes and see nothing." - Helen Keller

Luke 18:35-40a

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I. The blind man saw him clearly.

Luke 2:10-11

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 1:32-33

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

2 Samuel 7:11-13

And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Psalm 51:1-2

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!"

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Luke 18:40b-43

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II. The Savior showed his glory.

Luke 4:16-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and

recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

v. 42: "Your faith has saved you."

Saving Faith = Knowledge + Belief + Trust

2 Corinthians 2:4, 6

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God...For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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