

Welcome: We would like to welcome you here today for our worship service with our sermon series called “Living the Transformed Life.” Our sermon today is called “**A Spiritual Encounter with Jesus changes my Destiny.**” Our sermon text is Luke 18:35-43 and Luke 19:1-10. Note" the messages each week are also available on podcast from the church web page www.lightofchristwi.org.

Sermon Outline

1. **Jesus breaks into our life and in the process begins to transform us.** He interrupts people's lives in times of discouragement, conflict, failure, grief, and even in good times when he brings God’s perspective demonstrating God's surprising involvement in the lives of the people He loves. Think back in your own life when you were going along your journey of life and all of sudden God literally broke in. What did the feel like? Were you surprised? What was the result? Did He put you on a different path?

2. **There is some kind of preparation in our life before the Lord breaks into it.** Write down a time when this happened in your life.

3. **When we have a spiritual encounter with Jesus it changes our destiny.** How has your destiny been changed by the Lord since you have become a believer?

4. **Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus saw the walls in their life coming down when they humbled themselves before Jesus.** The wall of sin, the wall of unbelief, the wall of doubt, the wall of slavery to things, the walls of rejection, the walls of addiction, the walls of health problems, the walls of apathy...in some ways today we are all living in Jericho. The good news is Jesus is here to bring those walls down in your life. What walls would you like Jesus to bring down in your life?

5. Hebrews 4:14-16 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. What is these verses saying to you?

6. **Sermon Mediation** – What is the Lord telling you today? What is challenging about what the Lord is telling you? Why is it challenging? What would He like you to do about what He has communicated with you today?
