


ON LOCATION



Hi, Fred Jackson here. I've just been on location with four people who came to Jesus with some serious needs. Now I'm back in the studio, ready to edit my interviews. To meet my deadline, I need some help from you. All you have to do is read each interview question, look up the Bible passage, and then answer the question the way you think that Bible character would have answered it.



My first guest is a royal official named Jairus. Sir, how did Jesus meet your needs?
(Look up Luke 8:41-42, 49-56.)

Jairus:



My second guest was blind and begged for many years. Bartimaeus, what do you know about this Jesus?
(Look up Luke 18:35-43.)

Bartimaeus:



My third guest is Martha from Bethany. Martha, why do you believe in Jesus?
(Look up John 11:17-27, 38-44.)

Martha:



My fourth guest won't tell me his name because he says it isn't important, but he sure is excited to tell us all about his experience with Jesus. Sir, why do you want to tell others about Jesus?
(Look up Mark 1:40-45.)

Anonymous:

Thinking of You

JESUS CARES!

Jesus began His ministry when He was about 30 years old. Jesus wanted to show the people that God cares about them. After Jesus chose the apostles, He began His ministry preaching and healing many sick people.



SCRIPTURE SPOTLIGHT

Mark 1:29-31, 35-38

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went

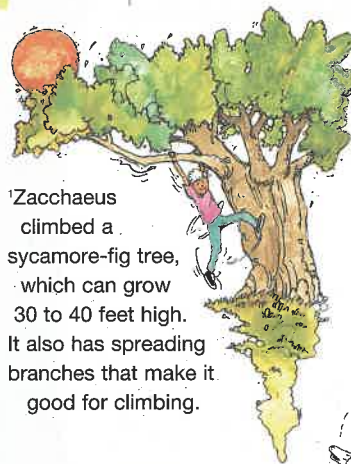
with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

**What was wrong with Simon's mother-in-law?
What did Jesus do for her?**

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

Why were Simon and his friends looking for Jesus? How did Jesus answer them?



Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore-fig tree, which can grow 30 to 40 feet high. It also has spreading branches that make it good for climbing.

Everywhere Jesus went, He met the needs of many people. Later in His ministry, Jesus came to a rich man

Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law



Jesus preaches to the crowds

Jesus invites Himself to the sinner, Zacchaeus's house



named Zacchaeus.¹ He collected taxes and was called a "sinner"² by the people. Because Zacchaeus was a short man, he climbed a tree to see Jesus coming.



²"Sinners" was a common expression for tax collectors, robbers, and the like, as well as a term for anyone who didn't follow the Law the way the Pharisees thought they should.

Jesus told Zacchaeus to come down from the tree so He could stay with him.

Read Luke 19:7-10. How did Zacchaeus respond? What did Jesus say about Zacchaeus? What did Jesus say His purpose was in verse 10?

CAUSE

AND

EFFECT

Everyday situations can cause us to be affected in various

ways. But our response to things that happen to us or around us stem from our needs, both physical and emotional. Any particular situation (cause) has an effect. We usually respond out of our need.

Look over the following causes (situations) and circle the ones you're facing. Look at the result (effect) of the cause. Change the effect if it doesn't apply to you. Then, think about what need you have that should be met to change the negative situation to a positive one.

CAUSE—What are your situations?

Problems in the family

Not focusing or participating in class

Don't fit in with any group

Best friend just moved away

Don't think God will forgive my sin

Pressure to do something wrong

Have been sick for a long time

Don't get along with brother or sister

EFFECT of the situation

You fear that your parents will divorce

You get poor grades

You feel rejected

You feel lonely

You feel hopeless and continue to sin

You get in trouble if you give in to temptation

Worry that you might not get better; you miss school and other activities

You feel jealous and angry

What NEED do you have?

To feel secure in my family

KEY VERSE

"My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:19**

Read today's Key Verse. Cross out the word "your" and write the word "my" above it. Read the verse again and then complete this sentence.

I will trust Jesus to meet my need for _____

Dear God,
Thank You for meeting all my needs through Jesus Christ. I will trust You to be with me and take care of me in any situation.
Thank You for loving me.
In Jesus' name. Amen.