



More than a Children's Story

Luke 19:1-10

Luke 18:31-34

“And taking the twelve, he said to them, ‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.’ But they understood none of these things.” (ESV)

Luke 18:42-43

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.” (ESV)

Zacchaeus was a Wee-Little Man

“... and a wee-little man was he. He climbed up in a Sycamore tree, for the Lord he wanted to see. And as the Savior passed that way, he looked up in that tree. And he said, ‘Zacchaeus you come down, for I’m going to your house today. For I’m going to your house today.’”



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Luke 19:1-5

“He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and ...’”

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Luke 19:5-9

“‘come down, for I must stay at your house today.’ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, ‘He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.’ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, since he ...’”

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Luke 19:9-10

“also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (ESV)




Investigating the Background

“He entered Jericho ... And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.” (1-2)

Things to know ...

- **Jericho** was one of three major tax districts in Israel.
- **Jericho** was located on the King's Highway (*via Regia*)—the major trade route of this part of the world.
- **Zacchaeus** was the Chief Tax Collector (*architelōnēs*, 1x).

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Why did Zacchaeus
want to see Jesus?

***“And he was seeking to
see who Jesus was ... ” (3)***

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- **Zacchaeus may have had an empty spot in his heart.**

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Why did Jesus want to see Zacchaeus?

***“Jesus ... said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry
and come down, for I must stay at your
house today’” (5)***

Why did Jesus want to see Zach?

Obviously Zacchaeus was interested.

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- **Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector.**

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- Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector.
- **Zacchaeus demonstrates Jesus' true purpose.**

Luke 19:10

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
(ESV)

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Mark 2:14-17

“And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples ... And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said ... ‘Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?’ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.’” (ESV)

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A stone path leads up a hillside, surrounded by lush green foliage and trees. The path is made of irregular, grey stones. The background is a soft-focus view of a hillside with more greenery.

Analyzing the Responses

“When they saw it, they all grumbled ...” (7)

“Zacchaeus stood and said ...” (8)

“And Jesus said to him ...” (9)

The Response of the People

“And when they saw it, they all grumbled, ‘He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.’” (19:7, ESV)

The Response of Zacchaeus

“So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully ... And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have [AND I HAVE] defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.’”

(19:6, 8, ESV)

Numbers 5:5-7

“The Lord said to Moses, ... ‘If any of the people—men or women—betray the Lord by doing wrong to another person, they are guilty. They must confess their sin and make full restitution for what they have done, adding an additional 20 percent and returning it to the person who was wronged.’” (NLT)

Luke 18:18, 22-23

“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ... When Jesus heard this, he said to him, ‘One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come. Then come, follow me.’ But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.” (ESV)

The Response of Jesus

“Today salvation has come to this house.”
(19:9, ESV)

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Your Response—this is not a Children's Story

For the nonChristian

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Your Response?

- For the nonChristian
- **For the Christian**

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Like Zacchaeus, are you willing to trade what you are, for what God wants you to be?