

Luke 19:1-10 – Zacchaeus: The Man in the Tree

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.’⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, ‘He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.’

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.’

⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.’

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Jericho (v.1)



Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.
Historic City of Israel's conquest of Canaan
The home of another famous sinner - Rahab.

Zacchaeus (v.2-4)

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It's tax season again!



Chief Tax Collector
Wealthy
Short

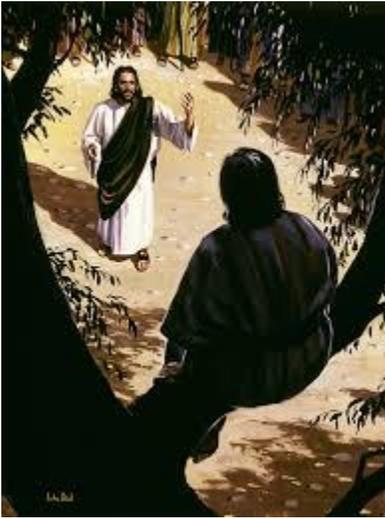


Outsider/Sinner
Have you ever felt left out, despised, not good enough?
Unnoticed, uncelebrated, Undeserving
The outsider, the alienated, the disconnected
Light and dark crave the same thing.
Significance.

Dealing with out guilt & shame - the ways of the devil, Satan, the accuser, the adversary.

Question:

What one word describes how do you honestly feel about yourself?



⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.
Yet desires to see Jesus

The Holy Spirit Brings Conviction.

With conviction you are seen truthfully without distortion.

Humility of truth.

To Save the world, not condemn it.

To feel judged, to feel condemned rather than loved
is the Antithesis of the gospel.

Picked from the Crowd



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Hospitality, Welcome

Seeing, Recognizing

Jesus invites himself but in reality he is taking initiative in relationship.

Jesus Sees Us

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus is with Us.

Family
Organizational
Spiritual



John 3:16 & 17

He came not to condemn the world but to save it.

The Son of God became a child of humanity (Son of Man) in order to make the Children of Humanity the Children of God.