

A MAN KNOWN AS ZACCHAEUS

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." ⁸But 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." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

❖ He Knows WHERE I AM:

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through...

Luke 19:1 (NIV)

1. Jericho was the OLDEST CITY in the Bible.
2. Jericho was an ENTRY POINT to JUDEA.
3. Jericho was considered a CURSED CITY.
4. Jericho was a very POPULATED and WEALTHY city.

➤ Key Truth: Where I am FROM has a lot to do with WHO I AM.

❖ He Knows ALL About ME:

A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; He was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd.

Luke 19:2-3 (NIV)

1. His name means PURE.
2. He was a CHIEF PUBLICAN.
3. He was RICH.
4. He was VERTICALLY CHALLENGED.

❖ He Knows WHAT I NEED:

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

Luke 19:5 (NIV)

1. Jesus SAW him.

... and He SEES YOU.

2. Jesus KNEW him.

... and He KNOWS You.

3. Jesus KNEW his NEED.

... and He KNOWS yours as well.

4. Jesus RECOGNIZED his CONDITION.

... as He does with ALL PEOPLE.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

➤ Key Truth: We are Jesus' MISSION, and we are the REASON He CAME.

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 19:10 (NIV)

❖ Closing Challenge: How will you RESPOND to JESUS' CALL on your LIFE?

"Today salvation has come to this house..."

Luke 19:9a (NIV)