

A Great Sinner meets a Greater Savior
Luke 19

Luke 19:1-10 (ESV)

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 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 also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

I. An Unpopular Sinner

- His Irreputable Identity

Verse 2 – And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.

- His Spiritual Curiosity

Verses 3,4 - 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.

II. An Unconventional Savior

Verses 5,7 – And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

Verse 10 – "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Ezekiel 34:16 (HCSB)

"I will seek the lost, bring back the strays, bandage the injured, and strengthen the weak..."

Romans 3:10-12 (NIV)

As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

III. An Unparalleled Conversion

- A Glad Salvation

Verse 6 – “So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.”

- A Genuine Salvation

Verses 8-10 – 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 also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

II Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.