



Jesus, a friend of sinners.

Luke 19:1-4

## **I. A Savior who sees hopeless sinners**

Luke 19:1-2 (NASB)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.

Luke 7:34 (ESV)

The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

Luke 19:3-4 (NASB)

Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable due to the crowd, because he was short in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree in order to see Him, because He was about to pass through that way.

*Verse 5 – Jesus looked up and saw him*

Hebrews 4:15 (HCSB)

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin.

## **II. A Savior who saves humble sinners**

*Verse 5 – Come down for today I must stay at your house*

Luke 19:6 (NASB)

And he hurried and came down, and received Him joyfully.

Timothy Keller

No one is too bad for Jesus. But a lot of people think that they are too good for Him.

Luke 19:7 (NASB)

When the people saw this, they all began to complain, saying, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner!”

Luke 19:8 (NASB)

But Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I am giving to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I am giving back four times as much.”

*Verse 9 – This day has salvation come to your house*

Galatians 3:6–7 (NASB)

Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

### **III. A saved sinner bears heavenly fruit**

Luke 19:10 (NASB)

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

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Jesus Christ knows the worst about you. Nonetheless, He is the One who loves you the most.