

Meeting Jesus > Luke 19:1-10

19:1-4 *Zacchaeus wants to meet Jesus.* Though he would have been despised by his fellow citizens, Zacchaeus the tax collector has a desire to see Jesus. Earlier, Jesus spoke of how hard it was for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom. Here, in these verses, we will see that “What is impossible with man is possible with God” (**Luke 18:27**).

19:5-10 *Jesus wants to meet Zacchaeus.* While Zacchaeus has certainly gone out of his way to get a glimpse of Jesus, it is Christ alone who initiates the conversation and invites Himself over to Zacchaeus’s house. A relationship with Jesus makes all the difference, and through His grace, a relationship is exactly what is offered to Zacchaeus – and it changes him in that very moment.

Context: Jesus has begun to journey toward Jerusalem in preparation for the Triumphal Entry and the events of His sacrifice that will soon follow. On the way, He passes through Jericho, which is where we come across this remarkable story of salvation coming to the most unlikely of people.

Aim: Luke wants us to know that the Gospel is for all who will turn and believe. It isn’t for the “religious,” or the “elite,” or “those who have it all together.” Instead, the offer to be known by Christ is available to all through His grace.

Gospel: Christ initiates the relationship with Zacchaeus, and He does the same for all who come to faith. His grace is Good News for you, if you’ll respond to Him in faith.

Applications: Are you trusting Jesus as your Savior? How has His grace changed your priorities in life?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
