

ZACCHAEUS MEETING THE MESSIAH

Luke 19:1-10

I. WHO WAS ZACCHAEUS?

A. Luke 19:2

Zacchaeus was not only a *“tax collector,”* but he was *“chief”* among them. He was also *“rich,”* which would not be expected of an honest civil servant.

B. Luke 3:3, 12-13

John’s ministry was focused on repentance, and when tax collectors wanted to know what that meant for them, he commanded them not to over-collect.

C. Luke 5:30; 7:34; 15:1

The New Testament hardly mentions *“tax collectors”* without including *“sinners.”*

II. WHERE WAS ZACCHAEUS?

A. Luke 19:3-4

Zacchaeus was in a tree! A multitude thronged the way and he was not tall enough to see over them. He did not elbow his way to the front, so that was polite, and he did not give up on seeing Jesus. He found a solution.

B. Acts 17:24-27; Matthew 7:7-11

God has placed in every soul an instinct to seek Him and Jesus assures us that if we honestly do so that we will be satisfied.

III. HOW DID ZACCHAEUS BEHAVE?

A. Luke 19:6

He responded with urgency and received Christ with joy.

B. John 1:12

It is at the point of receiving Christ that one obtains the right to become God's child.

C. Acts 2:41

A truly glad reception of the Lord results in baptism.

IV. WHAT DID ZACCHAEUS DO?

A. Luke 19:8

He devoted half his possessions to the needy and committed himself to restitution if his gain was sinful.

B. Ephesians 4:28

Thieves are commanded to earn their livings honestly and to be mindful of those less fortunate.

C. Matthew 3:8

Repentance should have something to show for itself.

V. WHY DID ZACCHAEUS GET JESUS' ATTENTION?

A. Luke 19:7, 9-10

Christ paid attention to this man not because he was righteous, but because he needed to be.

B. 1st Timothy 1:12-16; Romans 5:6-11

It is the very core of the gospel that all sinners need forgiveness and that is what the Lord came to earth to provide.