







# Big Lessons from a Little Man

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**Luke 19:1-10**

# Zacchaeus

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- His name means “pure”
- He worked as an agent for Rome (2)
  - Tax collectors were social outcasts viewed as traitors
- He was “seeking” (3)
  - to seek by inquiring; to investigate to reach a binding (terminal) resolution; to search, “getting to the bottom of a matter.”
- He was seeking “*to see who Jesus was...*”
- Zacchaeus would not be held back...

# He Was Not Held Back By:

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## What He Had

- Status (2)
- Wealth (2)
- He seemed to “have it all”
- Yet, he was seeking what he didn't have...

# He Was Not Held Back By:

## What Others Thought

*“he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree” (4)*

- Not very dignified
- *“consider your calling brethren...” (1 Cor. 1:20, 26-29)*

*“He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner” (7)*

- This criticism of Jesus is a reflection on Zacchaeus
- **Some people don't want us to escape our past...**
  - We have to escape them

# He Was Not Held Back By:

## What He Had Done

- He wanted to change (8)
  - *“Here and now...”* (NIV) / *“I will give...”* (NASB)
- He was willing to make things right (8)
  - The Law called for full value plus 1/5<sup>th</sup> more in restitution
- He truly saw who Jesus was...
  - *“Today **salvation** has come to this house...”* (9)

# Zacchaeus

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- He lived up to his name
- He would not be held back by...
  - What he had
  - What others thought
  - What he had done
- He was seeking *“to see who Jesus was...”*

*“Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God”*

**(Matthew 5:8)**





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