



Zacchaeus: The Rich Short Ruler

Luke 19:1-10

I. Zacchaeus –
unlikely convert

Zacchaeus . . .

1. Rascal: chief tax collector, 2.

Do not lose hope for anyone

Zacchaeus . . .

1. Rascal: chief tax collector, 2.
2. Rich, 2.
 - Jericho: a little paradise
 - Mark Antony's gift to Cleopatra
 - Rich, powerful man climbs tree
 - Rich, but dissatisfied
 - Lk.3:12-13

Riches add luxury, but
subtract peace of mind

Zacchaeus . . .

1. Rascal: chief tax collector, 2.
2. Rich, 2.
3. Repented, 8.
 - Had set his heart on riches; now gives half away
 - Lv.6:1-5 (Ex.22:1-5; 2 Sm.12:6)

Zacchaeus paid maximum: 400%

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1. Rascal: chief tax collector, 2.
2. Rich, 2.
3. Repented, 8.
4. Restored, 8.
 - If he gained wealth dishonestly, how could he make fourfold restitution *and* give half away?
 - His change of ways . . .

Confirms change of heart (repentance)

Clears Lord of charge of condoning sin

Hypocrites encourage blasphemy

'If a man see that his evil propensities are likely to prevail against him, let him go to some place where he is not known, and let him put on black clothes, and cover his head with a black veil; and then let him do whatever he pleases, lest the name of God should be publicly profaned'

– R. Ilai [Ct. Lk.18:22-23]

Zacchaeus . . .

1. Rascal: chief tax collector, 2.
2. Rich, 2.
3. Repented, 8.
4. Restored, 8.
5. Righteous, 9. Jn.8; Gal.3

'Zacchaeus' means
pure, innocent

Son of Abraham
by fathers:
cannot save.
John 8

Son of Abraham
by faith:
saves.
Gal.3

I. Zacchaeus – unlikely convert

II. Critics and Spectators –
holier than thou

Murmured, 7 (cf. Lk.15)

1. Jesus disappointed people
2. 'Man . . . sinner' – what other kind?
3. Sinners need Physician
4. Zacchaeus saw his need... (18:14)

**ALL are astonished
at Jesus.**

Lk.18:9-14

1 Co.1:26

**Crowd expected
Lord to proclaim
kingdom at
Jerusalem...**

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II. Critics and Spectators – holier than thou

III. Jesus – Seeker, Savior

1. 'Zacchaeus' (5)

- Jesus knows us: sins, needs, weaknesses. Jn.10:3
- Lk.18:...24-27
- 'Faith Movement' (riches are sign of salvation)? ?

1. 'Zacchaeus'
2. 'At your house' (5)

- Relationship
- Is He welcome at our house?
- Jesus associated with a saved man,
9-10

1. 'Zacchaeus'

2. 'At your house'

3. Brings out the best in us (8)

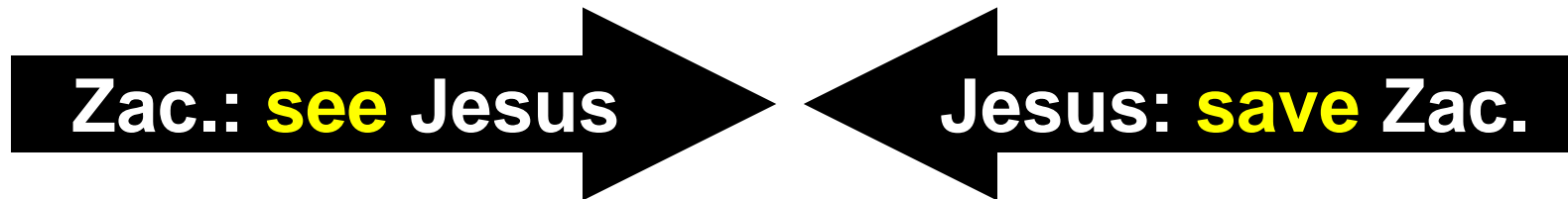
- Sycophant

- Came to mean: *accuse falsely, slander, cheat, blackmail, and extort*

This sycophant recanted,
repented, and retired

1. 'Zacchaeus'
2. 'At your house'
3. Brings out the best in us
4. **He came to save (10)**

- Explains 'must' (v.5)



- Treed him, took him home, turned him
- Had forfeited privileges as son of Ab.
- Some keep Jesus waiting. Rv.3:20