# BETWEEN BIBLICAL LEARNING AND RADICAL LIVING



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# Seeking, Saving, and Staying for Supper

Lesson 9 • Luke 19:1-10

Cedarmont Kids: Traditional "Zacchaeus" with Gestures "Zacchaeus Was a Greedy Little Man" with Lyrics

n Gestures Crossroads Kid's Club 5-minute lesson: "Let's Go: Zacchaeus" rics Randy Newman's about small-minded people & prejudice: "Short People" Informative, fun video: "Short Man Syndrome MIGHT Be Real"

Jesus stays on mission to **SAVE** sinners on the cross in Jerusalem. (19:1, 10) *If you claim to be a Jesus follower, then you too will stay on mission with Jesus!* 

Jesus stays on mission to **SEEK** sinners even in Jericho. (19:2) If you claim to be Jesus follower, then you will do the same!

## What Is the Big Idea of Luke 19:1-10

The supping Savior seeks and saves sinners to **STAY** with them in life-changing fellowship.

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# 1. The Seeking Sinner <u>STRIVES</u> to Overcome Obstacles to See Jesus. (1-4)

#### Zacchaeus the Seeking Sinner

- Personally: His name is Zacchaeus and means "PURE" or "righteous," but he was anything but pure!
- Socially: He was the *chief tax collector* in Jericho, but he was *chiefly* **DESPISED** for being one!
- Financially: He was very <u>RICH</u>. (18:22-30)
- Morally: He was likely a very greedy and LONELY man.
- > Physically: Zacchaeus was <u>SHORT</u> in stature.



> Spiritually: Zacchaeus was a *sinner* like everyone but a <u>CURIOUS</u> one.



Zacchaeus kept trying to overcome two obstacles: The  $\underline{\text{BIG}}$  crowd and his  $\underline{\text{LITTLE}}$  stature!

What Is Preventing You from Really Seeing Jesus? Always internal and external obstacles: Our own natural depravity and the worldly majority around us!

# 2. The Seeking Savior OPENS Blind Eyes and SOFTENS Hard Hearts. (5-7)

### The Savior Seeks and Saves by Sovereign Grace.

- Jesus takes the INITIATIVE to seek, save, and stay with sinners in need of salvation. (v. 5)
  - 1. Takes the initiative in *seeking*.
  - 2. Takes the initiative in *seeing*.

- 3. Takes the initiative in *saving*.
- 4. Takes the initiative in *staying*.

Jesus does not merely seek sinners to save them but also to **STAY** with them wherever they live!

5. Takes the initiative with **SOVEREIGN** grace.

See CHART "Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem: Luke 9:51–19:27" and the fifth theme.

#### Zacchaeus Responds with Saving Faith.

- Zacchaeus is quick to hear, quick to obey from the <u>HEART</u>. (v. 6)
  - 1. Zacchaeus *hurries*...
  - 2. Zacchaeus comes down...
  - 3. Zacchaeus receives his new Lord into his home having given Jesus his heart! (cf. 11:41)
  - 4. Zacchaeus does all this gladly ...

"When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed." Acts 13:48

See CHART **"Book of Luke"** and the theme of "Joy/Praise": *1:14, 47, 58, 64; 2:10, 20; 4:15; 5:25-26; 6:23; 7:16; 8:13; 10:17, 20-21; 13:13, 17; 15:5, 7, 9-10, 32; 16:19; 17:15; 18:43; 19:6, 37; 22:5; 23:8, 47; 24:41, 52* 

#### The Crowd Responds with Murmuring Unbelief.

> All the crowd **MURMURS** when they see salvation by grace through faith! (v. 7)

#### 3. The Seeking Savior Stays to Share Life-CHANGING Fellowship. (8-10)

#### Zacchaeus' Confession and Repentance of His Salvation

- Immediately stops to publicly <u>CONFESS</u> Jesus as Lord. (v. 8a)
- Immediately stops to generously <u>REPENT</u> of His sins. (v. 8b)

#### Jesus' Assurance and Explanation of His Mission

- > Jesus **REASSURES** both Zacchaeus and the crowd that his salvation is genuine. (v. 9)
- > Jesus **<u>REMINDS</u>** every one of His mission as the supping Savior! (v. 10)

"The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!" 7:34

"Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him. Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." 15:1-2

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." 19:10

#### The Supping Savior Seeks and Saves Sinners to Stay with Them in Life-Changing Fellowship.

"These verses describe the conversion of a soul. Like the stories of Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman, the story of Zacchaeus should be frequently studied by Christians. The Lord Jesus never changes. What he did for the man before us, He is able and willing to for any one of ourselves." – J. C. Ryle

Zacchaeus is proof that God makes the impossible possible!