

The Curious Case of the Mighty Mini Moxie

Luke 19:1-10

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4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree in order to see Him, because He was about to pass through that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”



Luke 19:1-10

6 And he hurried and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7 When the people saw this, they all began to complain, saying, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner!”



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8 But Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I am giving to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I am giving back four times as much.”



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9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”



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(NASB)

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Why Jericho?



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Of all the men in Jericho Zaccheus would have been seen by the religious leaders as the most sinful and least deserving of grace. He was a man thought to be cursed by God and unworthy of even being spoken to.



Luke 19:4
(NASB)

4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree in order to see Him, because He was about to pass through that way.



Why Zaccheus?

Zaccheus had a hunger to
know Christ.



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5 Lessons

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Luke 15:1-7

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near Jesus to listen to Him. 2 And both the Pharisees and the scribes began to complain, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 And so He told them this parable, saying,



Luke 15:1-7

4 “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the other ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he puts it on his shoulders, rejoicing



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6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost!’



Luke 15:1-7

7 I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.





Rom 5:8 (NASB)

**8 But God demonstrates
His own love toward us,
in that while we were
still sinners, Christ died
for us.**



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Eph 1:7 (NASB)

**7 In Him we
have redemption through
His blood,
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wrongdoings, according
to the riches of His
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2 Cor 5:17 (NASB)

**Therefore if anyone is in
Christ, this person is a
new creation; the old
things passed away;
behold, new things have
come.**



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Matt 5:16 (NASB)

**16 Your light must shine
before people in such a
way that they may see
your good works,
and glorify your Father
who is in heaven.**



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(NASB)

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**2 Cor 13:5
(NASB)**

**Test yourselves *to see* if you are in
the faith;
examine yourselves!**





Psalm 139:23-24 (NASB)

23 Search me, God, and know
my heart; Put me to the test
and know my anxious
thoughts;

24 And see if there
is *any* hurtful way in me,
And lead me in the
everlasting way.



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