

# Zaccheus Finds Salvation

Luke 19:1 - 10

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
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## Overview

- The story of Zaccheus is parallel to the story of the blind beggar
- Both Zaccheus and the blind beggar had problems that kept them from seeing Jesus
- Zaccheus and the rich man in Luke 18 were rulers
- Jesus chooses to have table fellowship with a sinner
- The crowd grumbles but Jesus seeks the lost

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## Travel motif continues

- **Luke 19:1**  
He entered Jericho and was passing through.

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**Inverse parallel structure**

- 1 Jesus comes
- 2 Zacchaeus -- A rich man
- 3 The crowd
- 4 Up the tree
- 5 Jesus' act of costly love
- 4' Down the tree
- 3' The crowd (angry)
- 2' Zacchaeus -- Money for others
- 1' Jesus' comes to save the lost

(adapted from Bailey *Middle Eastern Eyes*)

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**Another "ruler" who is rich**

- **Luke 19:2**

And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.

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Like the blind beggar he wants to see Jesus

- **Luke 19:3**

And he was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.

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Sycamore fig trees were always planted outside of town

■ **Luke 19:4**

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

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It is necessary (Gr. *dei*) for Jesus to stay at Zaccheus' house

■ **Luke 19:5**

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."

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Zaccheus receives Messiah "rejoicing"

■ **Luke 19:6**

And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly.

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As Zaccheus rejoices, the crowd  
“grumbles”

- **Luke 19:7**

When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”

- “Transferred hostility”: Jesus took the crowd’s hostility toward Zaccheus upon Himself (Isa. 53:5, 6)

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Zaccheus is repentant

- **Luke 19:8**

Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.”

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“Son of Abraham” means following  
Abraham’s faith and obedience

- **Luke 19:9**

And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.”

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The Good Shepherd (LK 15:4-7)  
seeks and saves the lost!

■ **Luke 19:10**

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

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Implications and Applications

- 1) Seeing is a metaphor for understanding one's need for Messianic salvation
- 2) People either rejoice or grumble when confronted with God's plan of salvation
- 3) God is the true seeker, we need to cooperate with Him

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1) Seeing is a metaphor for understanding one's need for Messianic salvation

■ **John 9:39**

And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.”

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1) Seeing is a metaphor for understanding one's need for Messianic salvation

■ **2Corinthians 4:3, 4**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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1) Seeing is a metaphor for understanding one's need for Messianic salvation

■ **2Corinthians 4:5, 6**

For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

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2) People either rejoice or grumble when confronted with God's plan of salvation

■ **Acts 17:32-34**

Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this." So Paul went out of their midst. But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

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3) God is the true seeker, we need to cooperate with Him

■ **Ezekiel 34:2**

Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, Thus says the Lord God, "Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?"

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3) God is the true seeker, we need to cooperate with Him

■ **Ezekiel 34:3, 4**

You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat sheep without feeding the flock. Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.

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3) God is the true seeker, we need to cooperate with Him

■ **Ezekiel 34:11, 12**

For thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day."

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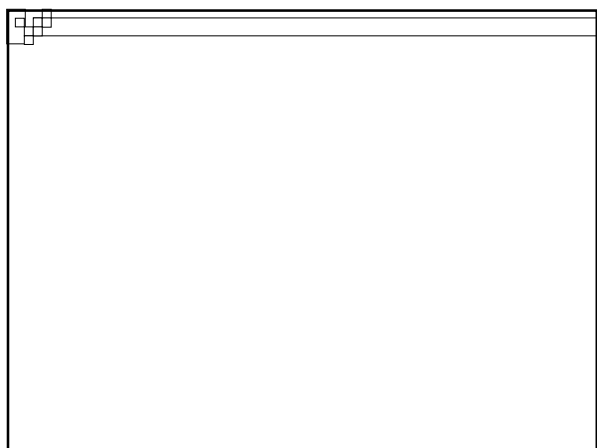
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