

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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Zacchaeus: A Transformed Life

Luke 19:1-10

NOTES:

Remember...

1. ... Jesus' mission is to find the lost sheep/lost coin. (Luke 15:3-10)
2. ... the rich young ruler's response and attitude. (Luke 18:13-23)
3. ... John the Baptist's teaching on repentance.

Luke 3:12 *Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" 13 And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do."*

A Transformed Sinner Eagerly Draws Near to the Savior. (19:1-4)

Luke 19:1 *He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.*

The Savior Intentionally Receives the Transformed Sinner. (19:5-7)

Luke 19:5 *And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."*

This Encounter Affirms the Sinner's Radical Change of Heart. (19:8-10)

Luke 19:8 *And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

The Ministry Goal of Jesus: To Seek and Save the Lost!

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

1. Jesus has come as the fulfillment of God's promise to make things right.

Ezek. 34:10 *Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them. 11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out... 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.*

2. Zacchaeus' story exemplifies how loyalty to Jesus radically changes the way we view and do life.

1Pet. 1:8 *Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

1Pet. 2:9 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1. Compare the attitude and response of the "rich young ruler" in Luke 18:18-23 with that of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10. What did Zacchaeus trust about Jesus that the other man did not? Looking at your own life, does leaving behind what you once were produce sadness or joy?

2. Repentance is not merely about turning from sin, but more so about turning to Jesus. Identify one area in life that would like to follow King Jesus more closely in. This week, take time every day to acknowledge Jesus as King as a source of motivation to leave behind what hinders you.

3. Consider memorizing 1 Peter 1:8-9. How does your hope in what you do not yet see bolster your joy and promote a new quality of life?

SONGS

*Raise A Hallelujah
Same God
Your Glory
Yes And Amen*

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Weekly Need: \$38,322.00

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YTD General Need: \$536,508

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