

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Seek & Save The Lost"**  
**Luke 19:1-10**  
**Study-77**

Our passage is exclusive to Luke's Gospel, it's important because it is the last personal encounter before Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem.

Also, important because Jesus gives very plainly, His mission statement.

**Luke 19:10**

**Jesus made no distinction between the rich and the poor or the righteous and the unrighteous, all people were in need of Jesus for salvation.**

**Luke 5:31-32**

### **Luke 19 Jesus Completes His Travelogue To Jerusalem**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** "Jesus The Son Of Man Came To Seek And To Save Sinners Not To Fulfill The Demands Of The Religious"

- 1. Verses 1-4 Sinner**
- 2. Verse 5 Savior**
- 3. Verses 6-10 Salvation**

#### **1. Verses 1-4 Sinner:**

**Luke 19:1 He entered Jericho Context - Luke 18:35 As Jesus was approaching Jericho, Verses 35-43** Jesus displays His power by giving sight to the blind. A blind man could see spiritually more than the disciples.  
**Luke 18:41-43**

**He entered Jericho and was passing through. Jericho** - was about 15 miles Northeast from Jerusalem. It would take about eight hours to walk there.

**Luke 19:2 Zaccheus** – abbreviation of Zachariah "Righteous One" "*to be transparent or clean (physically or morally) clean, be pure*"

**he was a chief tax-gatherer**, head of a group of toll collectors.

**Jericho was considered the "Tax Capital"** – was located on the main route from Trans-Jordan to Jerusalem; therefore, many tax collectors worked along this road to collect their customs. Zacchaeus headed up the tax collections in the region and lived in Jericho.

**Zaccheus** oversaw one of the three tax offices in the entire country, **Capernaum, Jerusalem and Jericho.**

**a tax-gatherer** – Which was part of a system called **“Tax Farming”**

**and he was rich.** He had others under him so that he received a commission from the other tax-gatherers. **Luke 18:25-27**

**Luke 19:3 Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was,**

**Notice that it doesn't say that Zaccheus just wanted to see Jesus.**  
No. **trying to see who Jesus was.**

**and he was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.**

**In a spiritual sense, all of us are “little of stature” Romans 3:23 for “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”**

**Zacchaeus' Was Short In Integrity And Tall On Sin. His sins were keeping him from Jesus. Isaiah 59:2**

**Luke 19:4 So he ran on ahead** This was considered to be undignified and unheard of for a man to run, especially a man as wealthy as him.

**and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him,** what is great about this man is that he had a desire to see Jesus, so he thought of a way to do it.

**Luke 18:17**

**He thought of a way:** (If there is a will there is a way!)

**He thought ahead: for He was about to pass through that way.** This day Jesus is passing this way.

## **2. Verse 5 Savior:**

**Luke 19:5 Jesus Came To Seek! Came To The Exact Spot: When Jesus came to the place, He looked up** It has been said that the odds of looking up as a person walks is 1000-1 odds.

**and said to him, "Zaccheus,** Jesus knew his name. Omniscience Of God:

**Notice that it was Jesus who was seeking Zaccheus.** From the beginning it appears as if Zaccheus is seeking Jesus.

**hurry and come down,** what exciting words these were to Zaccheus.

**Right now. There's always a sense of urgency** about following Christ.  
**2 Corinthians 6:2**

**for today (Fulfill God's plan) I must ("moral necessity") stay at your house." This was a divine encounter, that had to take place.**

**John 4:4**

**Revelation 3:20**

**I must stay at your house** This was to be the lesson of lessons as to what Jesus came to do. He was going to the sinners. **James 4:8**

### **3. Verses 6-10 Salvation:**

**Luke 19:6 And he hurried and came down,** At Jesus inviting Himself into his home he responded quickly to the offer.

**and received Him gladly.** Joy is one of the key themes in the **Gospel of Luke, and the word is found over 20 times in one form or another.**

**Luke 19:7 When they saw it,** who is Luke referring to? The crowd.

**they all began to grumble, (5:30; 15:2)** the word means what it sounds like gr-um-ble.

**saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."** Jesus was equal opportunity. **Luke 11:37**

**Luke 15:1-2**

**a man who is a sinner." (Tax-gatherers)** – were considered traders to Israel as they were ones that collected from their own fellow Jews taxes for Rome.

**Luke 18:25 "The camel is getting ready to go through the eye of the needle"**

**Luke 19:8 Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, (Stopped or stood up!) He is making a stand for the Lord!** This encounter with Jesus has touched this man.

**Jesus Came To Seek And To Save: "Behold, Lord,** Noticed that the guest has now become the Lord.

**half of my possessions I will give to the poor,** this shows a touch in the heart. This is speaking of a large amount of money. **(Required 20%)**

His public confession shows the sincerity of his repentance and was his way of living out **Romans 10:10**

**and if I have defrauded "since I have extorted" anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.**" This speaks of repentance and restitution. **Leviticus 6:5**

Jesus Said To The Rich Young Ruler - **Luke 18:22**

**Luke 19:9 Jesus Came To Seek And To Save The Lost: And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house,**

**Zacchaeus had seen his guilt, he had confessed his sin, that salvation had come to the tax collector's house.**

**because he, too, is a son of Abraham.** (Zacchaeus was a descendent of Abraham is true but his repentance made him a spiritual son of Abraham)

**"son of Abraham,"** meaning, *a child of faith* (**Romans 4:12**) That is as big as you can get!

**Luke 19:10 the Son of Man** Jesus Christ "The Perfect Man" The one that the Greeks have longed to be like has come. **Son of Man/Son of God.**  
**Luke 18:31 the Son of Man will be accomplished. "Son of Man"** which is the theme used **Son of Man – 25 times.**

This is messianic title taken from **Daniel 7:13**

**has come to seek and to save that which was lost."** This is the mission of Jesus to seek and to save lost souls. **Luke 15:1-7; Ezekiel 34:11-31; 36:14**

**Matthew 18:11;1 Timothy 1:15**

### **Application:**

1. Zaccheus Was Curious - He wanted to get to know who Jesus was.
2. Zaccheus Considered - He investigated the claims of Jesus.
3. Zaccheus Was Converted - The searching Savior saved him and forgave his sins.
4. Zaccheus Was Changed - His life was radically redirected after his conversion.