

LUKE 19:1-10, NLT. "Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. 'Zacchaeus!' he said. 'Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.' Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. 'He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,' they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, 'I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!' Jesus responded, 'Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.'"

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM ZACCHAEUS?

Lesson #1 – We should _____ compare our insides to anyone else's outsides

1. Zacchaeus _____ to have it all

- Power
- Status
- Wealth

2. But _____ can be deceiving

- He was vertically challenged
- He was relationally marginalized
- He was socially sidelined

Lesson #2 – No one is _____ the grace of God

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be a guest in your home today.'" (v. 5)

"In modern times it is scarcely possible to appreciate the scandal Jesus caused by His table fellowship with sinners . . . In first century Palestinian Judaism the class system was enforced rigorously. It was legally forbidden to mingle with sinners who were outside the law . . ." Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel

- Like Zacchaeus, Jesus _____ us too
- Like Zacchaeus, Jesus calls us by _____ too
- Like Zacchaeus, Jesus _____ us too

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"The Romance of the Gospel" – "Anyone in any situation coming out of any kind of past can be transformed and changed into a new creature in Christ." Martyn-Lloyd Jones

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 COR. 5:17

Lesson #3 – If we _____ God we will _____ God

"He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way." (vv. 3-4)

"Whenever you seek him, you will find him." 2 CHRON. 15:2

Lesson #4 – God meets us where we are, but He _____ us way too much to leave us there

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