

Luke 19:1-10 **Zacchaeus**

1 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7 But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector for the Romans. Being a Jew himself, to the other Jews he was considered a traitor.
- ✚ Jesus knew Zacchaeus by name and knew that he was a descendant of Abraham, demonstrating his omniscient powers.
- ✚ Jesus, by choosing to dine with Zacchaeus, was disdained for associating with one considered the worst of sinners.
- ✚ Zacchaeus declared his intent to restore any illegally taken gain, which is a demonstration of repentance in action.
- ✚ Jesus accepted his words and said, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."
 - ✧ Again Jesus made reference to His purpose in coming to the earth in the form of man as He said, "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."
 - ✧ Since Zacchaeus was a Jew, Jesus did not even violate His mission to bring the Gospel to the Jews first.
 - ✧ Salvation follows repentance.