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# WHISPERS OF GRACE

*The Long and Short of It*

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## LUKE 19:1-10 NASB95

He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. <sup>3</sup> Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.

## MEANING OF THE NAME

**Zaccheus:**

Puro, innocent; innocent one

# LOOKING TO SEE JESUS

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Zaccheus was looking to see Jesus

02

He was a chief tax collector, an outcast, even seen as being sympathetic to the Roman government because of his position

03

Though small, he fought to position himself to be able to just capture even a glimpse of Jesus

## LUKE 19:1-10 NASB95

<sup>4</sup> So 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. <sup>5</sup> 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."

# JESUS...

Passing through Jericho where there were many priests could have stayed with any dignitary or priest

He chooses to stay with Zaccheus, the outcast

# JERICHO



A natural stopping place for those journeying to Jerusalem



Jericho bordered both Judea and Perea and would have had custom stations

## LUKE 19:1-10 NASB95

<sup>6</sup> And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. <sup>7</sup> When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."





# SOMETHING UNUSUAL

The religious leaders began to grumble that Jesus would stay with an outcast like Zaccheus

Jesus invited himself to the home of Zaccheus, this wasn't typical even in the ancient culture

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## LUKE 19:1-10 NASB95

<sup>8</sup> 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."

## EXODUS 22:1 NASB95


"If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox and four sheep for the sheep.

2 SAMUEL 12:6 NASB95


"He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion."

## LUKE 19:1-10 NASB95

<sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."



# SON OF ABRAHAM



Even though Zaccheus was in fact a son of Abraham, his role as a tax collector would have been excluded from this birthright because of crimes and/or associations.

**JOHN 3:17** NASB95

"For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.