



AT THE TABLE

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Sermon Title: Plot Twist

Text: Luke 19:1-10

Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025

Luke 19:9-10, “Jesus said to him; Today salvation has come to this house... For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.’ ”

Truth for Today

- Resting in God’s acceptance > Striving for significance.
- Welcome home > work harder
- What I can give > What I can get

Bottom Line:

Grace reminds us there’s always room at the table.

Grace meets us where we are, not where we wish we were. (Luke 19:1-4)

Religion is man’s attempt to reach God. Christianity is God’s attempt to reach man.

Zacchaeus climbing the tree represents:

- Human striving apart from grace.
- Spiritual emptiness even in worldly success.
- Our longing to be seen.

II. Grace is an invitation before it’s an expectation. (Luke 19:5-7)

Jesus doesn't wait for the "cleaned up" you. He loves the "messed up" you.

At the table, scandalous sinners receive His most compassionate welcome. (Luke 15:2)

God's equation for transformation:
Belong + Believe = Become

III. When grace shows up, generosity breaks out. (Luke 19:8-10)

Grace corrects what we cherish and changes what we chase. In a world consumed with "What can I get?" Christ transforms us to ask,

- "What can I give?"
- "But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ...I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ." - Philippians 3:7-8

Application:

- Stop striving and allow Jesus to meet you where you are.
- Say yes to the invitation even if you don't "feel" ready.
- Flip the script by moving from consuming to contributing.

Reflection Questions:

- Where in your life are you still trying to earn approval and strive for significance?
- How has the idea that you must "clean up" before coming to Jesus hindered you from drawing closer to Him?
- What's one thing you can do to move from "getting" to "giving" this week?



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