

HOW I SEE ME, HOW OTHERS SEE ME, AND HOW GOD SEES ME

Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

- ❖ How Zacchaeus Saw Himself: Before meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus's identity was based on his JOB and his WEALTH. (Luke 19:1-2)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

Luke 19:1-2 (NIV)

- ❖ But Zacchaeus was looking for something MORE out of life, and Jesus was LOOKING for him. (Luke 19:3-6)

He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

Luke 19:3-6 (NIV)

"They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

Luke 6:48-49 (NIV)

- ❖ How Other People Saw Zacchaeus: He was a SINNER. (Luke 19:7)

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

Luke 19:7 (NIV)

- ❖ How God Saw Zacchaeus: Jesus saw Zacchaeus as a LOST BROTHER. (Luke 19:9-10)

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Luke 19:9-10 (NIV)

- ❖ When Zacchaeus understood how Jesus saw him, it CHANGED the way he saw HIMSELF and that changed the way OTHERS saw him too. (Luke 19:8)

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Luke 19:8 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us.

Ephesians 1:3-8 (NIV)