

## Saying YES to Jesus

Luke 19:1-9

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<sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup>And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup>And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. Luke 19:1–9 (ESV)

### 1. It was the child-like faith of Zacchaeus that brought him face to face with Jesus.

*Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.*" Luke 18:17 (ESV)

*But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."* Mark 10:14–15 (ESV)

"Curiosity and simplicity are a sort of preparation for faith."

-John Calvin (a really smart guy in church history)

*And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."* Mark 2:5 (ESV)

Which Are you worried about the opinion of the crowd or finding Jesus?

### 2. The life of Zacchaeus was changed not his occupation.

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, <sup>24</sup>knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. <sup>25</sup>For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. Colossians 3:23–25 (ESV)*

It is our childlike faith that brings us into the presence of Jesus.

It is the presence of Jesus that will re-envision your work for the glory of God's Kingdom.