

Saying YES to Jesus

Luke 19:1-9

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And 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." ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸And 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." ⁹And 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. ¹⁵Truly, 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, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵For 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.