

The Man Who Had Everything

Finding Healing. Why is this so relevant? Think about the world without Jesus. This is why Jesus came. He implores us to open our heart and let him in. Will we, in the midst of our busy and blessed lives turn to Him? In our text, we find Jesus seeking a man who is seeking him. It's such a beautiful story and one to which we should relate, because it's the story of every Christian.

I. Who Was Zacchaeus?

- A. 19.2 - Four things we learn about him
 - 1. He is a Jew. He is a **tax collector**.
 - 2. He is a chief. He is wealthy.
- B. 19.3-4 - Seeking Jesus
 - 1. 19.3 - he **was trying** to see who Jesus was... this is ongoing continuous effort, made more difficult because of his short stature.
 - a) What's driving him? Mere curiosity? Or, is there some dissatisfaction?
 - b) Two problems: The **crowd** was large. He was a short man.
 - 2. 19.4 - So he runs ahead — wealthy men of stature did not run — urgency.

II. Jesus Encounters Zacchaeus

- A. 19.5 - A threefold progression
 - 1. 19.5a - When Jesus came to the place, he **looked up**....
 - 2. 19.5 b - he calls him by name, **Zacchaeus**...
 - 3. 19.5c - Jesus' call to action: **Hurry** and come down because today it is necessary for me to stay at your house.
- B. 19.6 - So he quickly came down and welcomed him **joyfully**.
- C. 19.7 - All who saw it began to complain, "He's gone to stay with a **sinful** man."
 - 1. "Sinful," describes bad people. Criminals, prostitutes, tax collectors.

III. Salvation Comes to Zacchaeus

- A. 19.8 - Repentance. How does he go about it?
 - 1. *But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, I'll **give** half of my possessions to the poor, Lord. And if I have extorted anything from anyone, I'll pay back four times as much."*
- B. 19.9 - Salvation
 - 1. Zacchaeus is a *son of Abraham*.
 - 2. Not because of his physical birth or circumcision, but because of his faith.
- C. 19.10 - Mission: *For the Son of Man has come to **seek** and to save the lost.*

IV. As We Close

- A. Who Was Seeking Who?
 - 1. 19.3 - Zacchaeus was on a quest *to see*, more specifically to know Jesus.
 - 2. 19.10 - Jesus was seeking the lost.
- B. When we find healing... Zacchaeus demonstrates the experience.
- C. Need Healing? *Seek the Lord while he may be found; call to him while he is near.*