



**“Here we see God’s sovereignty and salvation. It was the ultimate divine appointment. Zacchaeus did not stop for Jesus; Jesus stopped for Zacchaeus. He even called him by name, as if he had known him from all eternity (which, of course he had!) Jesus was on a divine mission; he had come to seek and to save.” —Phillip Ryken**

**“The chief tax collector was Public Enemy number one – a collaborator with the Romans. How could Jesus associate with him at all, let alone share table fellowship with him? According to the standards of their own self righteousness, it was beneath his dignity, especially since many people thought that to eat with a known criminal was to be implicated in his crimes. Hence their grumbling disapproval: ‘he has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.’” —Phillip Ryken**

**“when Jesus Christ sees the fallenness of the world all about him, his deepest impulse, his most natural instinct, is to move towards that sin and suffering, not away from it.”**

**—Dane Ortlund**

**“This vow is not made as a precondition of Jesus’s acceptance, but as a result of it. Jesus does not require Zacchaeus to change before he takes up residence with him; Jesus takes up residence, and his presence evokes a transformation within Zacchaeus.”**

—James Edwards

**“In calling Zacchaeus a son of Abraham, Jesus designates him as a spiritual son of Abraham. For Jesus to call him a son of Abraham is not to reward him for doing works of repentance, but to fulfill zacchaeus's Jewish destiny to recognize and rejoice in Jesus the Messiah...Those who have faith are sons of Abraham” (Gal 3:7).**

—James Edwards

**“ Whatever his reasons, Zacchaeus was drawn to Jesus and wanted to see him. The little man’s curiosity is a reminder that some of the people who are secretly interested in Jesus are people we would never expect to be interested in Jesus at all. No one thought Zacchaeus had much interest in spiritual things, but in fact he wanted to know more about Jesus. Some of the people we know, have the same interest, whether we suspect it or not. If we talk to them about Jesus, they would engage in the conversation. If we invited them to church, they would visit. They are looking for Jesus already – sitting in their Sycamore trees, so to speak. When will we help them see Jesus?”** —Phillip Ryken

**“At the end of this passage, Jesus announced to Zacchaeus and to the world that the son of man came to seek and to save the lost. Jesus had been seeking the lost all the way through the gospel of Luke, up to and including Zacchaeus. Very soon – and just a matter of days – he would be saving the lost by dying for their sins, before rising again with victory. Jesus is still doing the saving work today, seeking**

**the lost by the work of the Holy Spirit, and saving the lost by the merits of his crucifixion and resurrection.” —Phillip Ryken**