

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

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Luke 19:5 (NLT)

*Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the **chief tax collector** in the region, and he had become **very rich**. **Luke 19:1-2 (NLT)***

*Jesus saw how sad the man was. So he said, "It's terribly hard for rich people to get into God's kingdom!" **Luke 18:24 (CEV)***

*For the **love of money** is the root of **all kinds of evil**. And some people, **craving money**, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. **1 Timothy 6:10 (NLT)***

***Command** those who are rich in this present world not to be **arrogant** nor to put their **hope in wealth**, which is so uncertain, but to put their **hope in God**, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

Command** them to **do good**, to be rich in **good deeds**, and to be **generous** and willing to **share**. **1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NLT)

*He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was **too short to see over the crowd**. So he ran ahead and **climbed a sycamore-fig tree** beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. **Luke 19:3-4 (NLT)***

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Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.

*But the people were **displeased**. "He has gone to be the guest of a **notorious sinner**," they grumbled. **Luke 19:6-7 (NLT)***

*Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give **half my wealth to the poor**, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back **four times as much!**" **Luke 19:8 (NLT)***

Jesus responded, "*Salvation* has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true *son of Abraham*. **Luke 19:9 (NLT)**

For where your *treasure* is, there your *heart* will be also. **Matthew 6:21 (NIV)**

For the Son of Man came to *seek and save those who are lost*.
Luke 19:10 (NLT)

The heart of God towards those whom *others reject*.

**The real stature of a person is not how *high they stand*,
but how *low they bow* before Jesus.**

