

Zacchaeus, Christ's Power to Change Us

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-A.M. SERMON NOTES -

“JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: ‘Zacchaeus,
Christ’s Power to Change Us’”

(Luke 19:1-10)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2022 focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke’s Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sunday we study and apply God’s Word. Luke keeps reminding us how Jesus specializes in transforming lives! In Luke 19, a familiar, wealthy man is suddenly transformed by Christ:

I. Zacchaeus before meeting Christ (19:2, 8b) A. He was greedy (Lk. 12:15; Eph. 5:5; Joshua 7) B. He was dishonest (Pr. 20:30) C. He was self-centered (Lk. 12:13-21) D. He was searching (Lk.19:3-4, 6; Ecclesiastes)

II. Zacchaeus after meeting Christ (19:8-10)

A. From greed to generosity (Lk. 19:8; 2 Cor. 5:17) B. From dishonesty to truthfulness (Lk. 19:8; Mt. 6:33) C. From self-centeredness to Christ-centeredness (Heb. 12:2; Col. 3:1-11) D. From searching to satisfaction (Lk. 19:9; Eccl. 12:13)

CONCLUSION

Can a man change? Only Jesus can take the human heart and make it new! The only One who can make you new is the One who made you in the first place, Jesus Christ, with His power to change us! Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come (2 Cor. 5:17)!

-Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life -

Our 2022 Bible study focuses on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is Luke 19:10, The Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost. Read today's Bible text, Luke 19:1-10. What does this tell you about JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke? What did Zacchaeus do to see Jesus? What does this tell you? What does it mean for those who follow Jesus today?

1. What impresses you about Zacchaeus?
 - A. His wealth?
 - B. His curiosity?
 - C. His willingness to climb a tree?
 - D. His desire?
 - E. His change of heart?
 - F. His honesty?
 - G. His transparency?
 - H. His suggestion to make restitution four times over?
 - I. What else?
2. What was it about Zacchaeus that prompted Jesus to single him out?
 - A. He was the worst sinner in town?
 - B. He had sold out to Rome as a tax collector?
 - C. He was guilty of fraud and thievery?
 - D. He was hungry for something more in life?
 - E. He was so short?
 - F. He was so receptive to Jesus' message?

G. His testimony could have huge, longterm impact?

3. How concerned was Jesus about what people might think or say if He went to the

home of a tax-collector? Read Luke 19:7, 10. How concerned are you about

what people say or might say about you? Whose approval matters most to you?

4. What do you think Jesus and Zacchaeus talked about over dinner?

A. The weather?

B. How Zach was really feeling?

C. God's plan for his life?

D. How to pay back people he had cheated?

E. How empty life is without Jesus?

5. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how

to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors,

your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your

circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your

church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?

6. I will put today's Bible study into action now by: