

Face to Face with Jesus

Pt. 2 - Zacchaeus

Lk. 19:1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd.

In a culture of exclusion and isolation, there are:

The left out.

The leaving out.

The reaching out.

Lk. 19:4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

The sitting out.

The mutterers.

Lk. 19:5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

Mutter: Complain under your breath; to grumble and gripe.

Lk. 19:8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.”

My mission as a follower of Jesus: reach out.

Lk. 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”