

Open the Door

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
—Luke 19:10 (ESV)*

1 He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature.

—Luke 19:1-3 (ESV)

1. Zacchaeus is Seeking Jesus

“What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace?

This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself”

—Blaise Pascal

4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.

—Luke 19:4 (ESV)

44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

—John 6:44 (ESV)

2. Jesus was Seeking Zacchaeus

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

—Luke 19:5-7 (ESV)

17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

—Revelation 3:17-20 (ESV)

8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.

—Luke 19:8-9 (ESV)

3. Jesus' Salvation Changes Hearts