



Sermon Notes

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“Zaccheus Was Jesus’ One”

Luke 19:1-10

Introduction: A game I used to play was hide and seek. It’s a game we all used to play when we were kids. Ever heard of spiritual hide and seek? Spiritual hide and seek is when we distance ourselves from God trying to hide from Him. Zaccheus was a man who was hiding from Jesus. However, just like Zaccheus, many who are hiding from God are really lost.

Let’s look at Zaccheus and how he went from being lost to found.

PART ONE - UNDERSTANDING HOW GOD SEES YOU:

1. God Knows Exactly Where You Are

- a. You are not out of God’s sight.
- b. It doesn’t matter how far you run, you can never outrun God.
- c. He always knows where you are.

2. God Knows Exactly Who You Are:

- a. Jesus knew who Zaccheus was.
 - i. Zaccheus had to be amazed when Jesus called Him by name.

- ii. Think about someone like Michael Jordan. Imagine him knowing your name. You would be shocked and fascinated by that. That's how Zaccheus felt when Jesus called out his name. It threw him by surprise and left him in awe.
- b. Knowing that God knows who you are from your name to everything about you is something amazing and wonderful.
- c. You are known by the Messiah.

3. God Wants To Be a Part of Your Life:

- a. God took initiative with us by sending Jesus to save the world from sin.
- b. God says, I want to be near you.
- c. He wants a relationship with you.
- d. He wants you to be found and not lost.

PART TWO - WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?:

1. Admit That You Are Lost:

- a. On the surface, you may have it all together (rich, wealthy, married...) but on the inside you still have a deep need in your heart. You want something more.
- b. When you come to that place in your life (the desire to seek Jesus), then you are ready to start climbing to something greater.
- c. You become eager to pursue the future.

2. Do Whatever You Can To Get To Jesus:

- a. Put down what is consuming your life, get above the crowd and look down and you will see something pretty amazing when you see Jesus.

3. Respond To His Call:

- a. Zaccheus was called on by Jesus. What did he do? He came down and went to Jesus.
- b. When God is calling out to you and you are aware of it, your immediate response needs to be you getting to Him as quickly as possible.

- c. If your life has been a mess and you have been trying to clean it up but it has not been getting any better, turn to Jesus. He will help you clean your life up and give you a fresh new start.
- d. When Jesus calls out to you, answer Him and get to Him.

Conclusion: It is never too late to welcome Him into your life. When you welcome Jesus into your life, you will find something worth celebrating. Through Him, you will go from being lost to found.