

The Account Of Zacchaeus

Intro: The account of Zacchaeus is only found in Luke's account of Christ's life. Luke 19:1-10 ¹ And *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. ² And, behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. ³ And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. ⁴ And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that *way*. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. ⁶ And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw *it*, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold. ⁹ And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Let us learn some lessons for this beautiful account.

I. DESIRE

- A. **Luke 19:3** ³ And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature."
- B. **Zacchaeus had a desire to see Jesus.**
 - 1. He was short of stature.
 - 2. His desire was
 - a. To see what sort of person Jesus was.
 - b. Or he wanted to see which one of the crowd was Jesus.
 - 3. Lead him to climbing a tree so he could see (this is beyond what mere curiosity would produce).
- C. **We must develop a desire for salvation.**
 - 1. That means understanding that one is lost.
 - 2. Understanding that there is but one way.
 - a. Acts 4:12 ¹² Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."
 - b. Substitutes (alcohol, popularity, power, etc.) will never satisfy.

II. RECEPTION

- A. **Luke 19:6** ⁶ And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully."
- B. **Zacchaeus received Jesus.**
- C. **We likewise must receive Jesus.**
 - 1. In receiving Jesus, we are receiving God.
 - a. Mat. 10:40 ⁴⁰ He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me."
 - b. John 12:44-45 ⁴⁴ Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. ⁴⁵ And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me."
 - 2. To receive Jesus, we must receive His Word.
 - a. Luke 10:16 ¹⁶ He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me."

- b. John 17:8, 20 “⁸ For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.... ²⁰ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;”
- 3. When we reject His Word, we reject Him.
 - a. John 12:48 “⁴⁸ He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”
 - b. Luke 9:26 “²⁶ For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and *in his* Father’s, and of the holy angels.”

III. REPENTANCE

- A. **Luke 19:8** “⁸ And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold.”
- B. **Zacchaeus repented as is seen in his restitution.**
- C. **We must repent or perish.**
 - 1. Luke 13:3, 5 “^{3,5} I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”
 - 2. Luke 24:46-47 “⁴⁶ And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: ⁴⁷ And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”
 - 3. Acts 17:30 “³⁰ And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:”
 - 4. True repentance requires restitution as far as is possible.

IV. SALVATION

- A. **Luke 19:9** “⁹ And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.”
- B. **Zacchaeus had salvation as a result of his actions.**
- C. **We can enjoy salvation if:**
 - 1. We have that desire to be saved.
 - 2. We receive Jesus (in all that means).
 - a. We obey the Gospel.
 - b. We remain obedient to the Gospel.
 - 3. Then eternal salvation will be ours.

Conclusion: Do you have salvation today? If not, obey God’s Will for the remission of your sins, then live faithful to Him.