

WHY ON EARTH

LUKE 19:1-10

To Seek and Save the Lost

I. The CONTEXT: Who is lost?

PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR
Luke 18:9-14

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| ILLUSTRATION 1 Churchy Ruler (18:18-30) | ILLUSTRATION 2 Worldly Ruler (19:1-10) |
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LESSON: Easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man (no matter how good) to enter the kingdom of God (18:25)

II. The STORY ...

He entered Jericho and was passing through.

And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. vv. 1-2

Zacchaeus was a _____ wee little man.

And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature.

So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. vv. 3-4

Zacchaeus was a _____ wee little man _____ for Jesus.

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.” v. 5

Jesus was _____ for this _____ wee little man.

So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. v. 6

Zacchaeus _____ !

And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” v. 7

RESPONSE 1: The crowd disapproves of _____ .

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.” v. 8

RESPONSE 2: Zacchaeus _____ Jesus’ mission.

And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” vv. 9-10

RESPONSE 3: Jesus declares His mission to the _____ .

... Jesus _____ a lost man who is looking to _____ Jesus.

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Are you Zacchaeus up a tree?

Are you Zacchaeus at the villa with Jesus?

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HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Read Luke 19:1-10. What from the sermon was surprising to you about Zacchaeus?

2. Try to imagine Jesus waking up that morning and going about His day, knowing that Zacchaeus would be making an appearance. What did Jesus know about him, and why did He want to be with Zacchaeus that day?

3. Imagine yourself in place of Zacchaeus, seeking Jesus and trying to get a glimpse of who He was. How do Jesus' words and His attention make you feel?

4. What does this story reveal to you about the heart of God?

5. Why did those who grumbled against Zacchaeus behave the way they did? How did Jesus and Zacchaeus respond to them?

6. Have you ever responded to Jesus the way Zacchaeus did? Where did his joyful response to Jesus come from? What needs to change in your life so you can you find the same joy in Him?

“Long before Zacchaeus couldn't see Jesus, the tree had already been planted to meet his need.”

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“Jesus is not your accuser. He's not your prosecutor. He's not your judge. He's your friend and your rescuer. Like Zacchaeus, just spend time with Jesus. Don't hide from Him in shame or reject Him in self-righteousness. Don't allow the opinions of other people to shape your concept of Him. Get to know Him for yourself, and let the goodness of God change you from the inside out.”

JUDAH SMITH

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of The Source at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS EVE WITH YOUR CHRIST CHAPEL FAMILY. We're getting ready for a very special Christmas Eve this Thursday, Dec. 24 and we want you to be a part of it! Tickets for all of our in-person worship services have been claimed, but we are also celebrating at the Internet Campus at 3, 4:30, 6 and 9:30 p.m. Who do you know who needs some hope and joy this Christmas, or a place to celebrate with community? Invite a friend, neighbor or coworker to join us online this week. You can learn more and plan when you'll worship at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

COUPLES, IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE THE GIFT OF RE|ENGAGE THIS CHRISTMAS. This year has had no shortage of tension and challenges. Whether you're feeling the strains of 2020, struggling through bigger issues or just ready to give your marriage some love and care in 2021, wrap up re|engage to give each other this Christmas. It's an experience that can strengthen and even transform your marriage. Go to www.ccbcfamily.org/reengage to register.

THRIVE IN THE NEW YEAR. If 2020 has brought fears, struggles or other issues to the forefront of your life, Thrive may be your next right thing in 2021. It's a discipleship experience that helps you get to the roots of sin and suffering in your life, and embrace the freedom and redemption found only in Jesus. Learn more about the experience, which includes daily Bible study, a small group community and mentoring, and apply at www.ccbcfamily.org/thrive.

THE YOUNG ADULT RESIDENCY IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2021. Do you know a soon-to-be college grad who's figuring out what's next? Tell them about the Young Adult Residency! It's a 10-month program all about discovering your calling, developing your gifts and deploying for ministry (in a church or any other field of work). Get the details at www.ccbcfamily.org/yar.

MAKE AN END-OF-YEAR OFFERING. This year's end-of-year giving is all about family. You can be a part of projects like supporting families who are facing challenges this holiday season, providing world-class biblical worldview training for our students, and extending our family of faith in Johnson County and the Middle East, plus more. If you'd like to get involved with all that God is doing with these special initiatives, you can learn more and give today at www.ccbcfamily.org/give2020, through the Christ Chapel app or at church.

READ THE LAST WEEK OF ADVENT WITH US. “Who Is This Jesus?” is a daily Advent devotional written to help usher us into the Christmas season. Read with us this week at www.ccbcfamily.org/advent as we discover more about Jesus through some of His unique names.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text “CCBCFW” to 77977 to get started.