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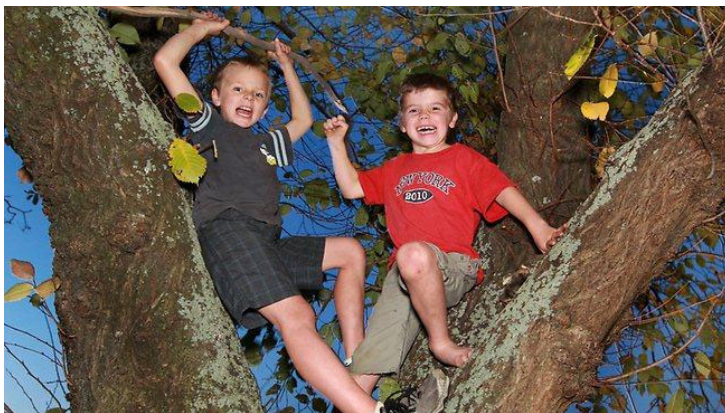
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THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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Tree-Climbers Anonymous

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ZACCHAEUS

LONGING TO SEE JESUS!

Luke 19:1-10

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Longing to See Jesus

Luke 19:1-10

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through.

² There was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but he was not able because of the crowd, since he was a short man.

⁴ So running ahead, he climbed up a sycamore tree to see Jesus, since he was about to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "**Zacchaeus, hurry and come down because today it is necessary for me to stay at your house.**"

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Longing to See Jesus

Luke 19:1-10

⁶ So he quickly came down and welcomed him joyfully. ⁷ All who saw it began to complain, "He's gone to stay with a sinful man."

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, I'll give half of my possessions to the poor, Lord. And if I have extorted anything from anyone, I'll pay back four times as much."

⁹ "Today salvation has come to this house," Jesus told him, "because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost."

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THE SETTING

Luke 19:1

¹ He entered **Jericho** and was passing through.

In our study last week, Jesus was just outside the gates of Jericho, healing a blind beggar.

Where is he now?

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THE SEEKER

Luke 19:2

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² There was a man named **Zacchaeus** who was a **chief tax collector**, and he was **rich**.

Zacchaeus was a rich, chief tax collector at what apparently was a Roman regional tax center.

Anyone recall what Jesus said previously about the rich entering the kingdom?
(Luke 18:25)

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THE SEARCH

Luke 19:3-4

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³ **He was trying to see who Jesus was**, but he was not able because of the crowd, since he was a short man.

⁴ So running ahead, **he climbed up a sycamore tree to see Jesus**, since he was about to pass that way.

What do these phrases tell you about Zacchaeus?

Zacchaeus was curious, but he did not yet know Jesus.

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THE INVITATION

Luke 19:5

It's not about what we do, it's about what Jesus did!

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⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "**Zacchaeus, hurry and come down because today it is necessary for me to stay at your house.**"

Zacchaeus had resourcefully climbed the tree to gain an advantage and achieve better perspective.

Then Jesus made a surprise move.

Why is it necessary?

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THE RESPONSE

Luke 19:6-7

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⁶ So **he quickly came down and welcomed him joyfully.**

All who saw it began to complain, "He's gone to stay with a sinful man."

Jesus told Zacchaeus to come down and he responded immediately, with joy!

But, how did the crowd respond?

What does their response tell you about them?

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THE CHANGE

Luke 19:8

Zacchaeus had a change of heart after meeting Jesus!

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, I'll give half of my possessions to the poor, Lord. And if I have extorted anything from anyone, I'll pay back four times as much."

How did Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus change him?

Zacchaeus' went from taking advantage of people to serving them.

THE IMPACT

Luke 19:9

*"Abraham believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith."
(Genesis 15:6)*

⁹ "Today salvation has come to this house," Jesus told him, "because he too is a son of Abraham."

Zacchaeus' faithful response to Jesus' invitation resulted in his salvation.

In my opinion, the NLT captures the essence of this verse best; *"for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham."*

THE GOSPEL

Luke 19:9-10

10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost."

Jesus concludes with a restatement of His mission!

Jesus told Zacchaeus, "Hurry and come down." Stop your searching. Stop trying to save yourself. I have come to seek and save the lost.

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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- Zacchaeus desired a glimpse of Jesus, but faith brought him so much more.
- Faith brings joy, forgiveness, humility and transformation.
- Zacchaeus did not collect taxes in his encounter with Jesus, rather he discovered how God cancels spiritual debt.
- Through Jesus' initiative, the sinner is transformed, and values are changed.
- Who do you know that is curious about Jesus, like Zacchaeus was?
- How can you help them find the Master this week?

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