

Zacchaeus

Luke 19 King James Version (KJV)

19 And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. We are called to enter in and go through (not around) cursed places. Jericho was cursed by Joshua. We bring the blessing and the remedy of the curse.

² And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

(1) An officer of Judas Maccabeus (2 Macc 10:19). (2) A Zaccheus is mentioned in the Clementine Homilies (iii.63) as having been a companion of Peter and appointed bishop of Caesarea. (3) According to the Gospel of the Childhood, by Thomas, Zaccheus was also the name of the teacher of the boy Jesus. He was a rich man just as in the parable of Lazarus in 16 chapter.

³ And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. Rich man that had the desire to envision, see Jesus and his identity. The people he was around prevented him from seeing the Lord, Zacchaeus was at a disadvantage and recognized he had to position himself.

⁴ And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. Got away from the obstacles that were cutting off his vision, attached himself to something (Bible) someone (teacher) to allow him to be in the right place (sanctuary) where Jesus would be passing by.

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

Jesus came to the place where He sought him, God prods the Son to stop and look up, (unlike the rich man) He calls him by name, and He personalizes the encounter with distinct specificity. I am commanded by God to meet with you due to the search you embarked on. I must

John 14:23 **Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

⁶ And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. He obeyed (made haste didn't walk) showed obedience with a sense of urgency. Unlike previous rich men his heart due to his search was opened.

⁷ And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, that he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. People should be talking about are dinner engagements, our constant fraternizing with the lost, not to become like but to win to Christ.

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. Unlike the rich man who had much goods that deterred him without provocation this man knows he should give and be restorative.

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.

This rich man is a son also, one rich son of Abraham was lost but this rich son of Abraham has Salvation. Jesus by his acts of giving and put his willingness to restore knows he has been translated into the Kingdom.