

TO SEEK HIM

Luke 19:1-10

“Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold there was a man named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich (vs. 1-2)

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The desire of Zacchaeus was to see who Jesus was, but *“he could not because of the crowd, for he was of small stature”* (v.3).

Realising that it was unlikely that he would catch even a glimpse of Jesus as He passed by, he climbed a tree to solve the problem and sat in the branches.

Jesus came along, but He didn’t just pass by underneath the tree;

- He stopped;
- He looked up;
- He directed His attention to Zacchaeus;
- He called Zacchaeus by name;
- He invited Zacchaeus to meet with Him;

This was Jesus!

Zacchaeus received far, far more than a glimpse of Jesus as He passed by. Zacchaeus may not have been popular in his community, tax collectors generally wouldn’t be, but to the Lord Jesus he was not insignificant. He looks to the heart and responds to the need therein. Verse 6 tells us that Zacchaeus came down the tree and *“received Him joyfully”* and that Jesus gave him personal one-to-one communication.

“Seek Me and you shall live”(Amos 5:4)

What are we to seek? Not merely intellectual knowledge, but Jesus Himself, He who is the Son of God, God the Son, Creator, Redeemer.

Zacchaeus sought Jesus and received Life, entering into a life-changing relationship with the Lord of glory.

“And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house....for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:9-10)

No person is insignificant in the eyes of the Lord. If, reading this, you are aware that you do not personally know the Lord Jesus Christ, then be encouraged to *“seek Him and live”*.

“...the one who comes to Me, I will by no means cast out” (John 6:37)

“Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)