

## Luke 19:1-10

- 1) Jesus was passing through but with a purpose. V1
- 2) Zaccheus is up a tree. VV2-4
  - a. Zaccheus has at least three strikes against him.
    - i. Strike 1 – Z's name meant righteous one, but he wasn't living up to his name.
      1. What motivated Z to sell out his countrymen?
      2. Greed? Power? Significance? Prominence? Status? All of these? Not sure...
      3. We know for sure that Z, like you and me, was a sinner in need of savior.
    - ii. Strike 2 - Z was very short.
      1. The world puts a premium on outward appearance; God does not. 1 Samuel 16:7
      2. The fact the Bible mentions that Z was short meant he was likely VERY short.
      3. Spiritually speaking, we are all short in stature. Rom. 3:23
    - iii. Strike 3 – A grown man has climbed up a tree in public!
      1. What motivated Z to further humiliate himself by climbing a tree for all to see?
      2. Did Z see Jesus as a celebrity? Did he want to be identified with a celebrity?
      3. Maybe he heard Jesus was a miracle-worker and he didn't want to miss seeing Him perform some great sign?
      4. Did Z hear how this rabbi actually loved people like him and wanted to be with them?
      5. Whatever motivated Z to climb a tree, something was telling him needed to see this man!
- 3) Jesus reached the spot. VV 5-6
  - a. Do you remember when Jesus came to the spot in your life and you opened the door of your heart by faith? If not, why not this morning? Rev. 3:20
- 4) The crowd is up in arms. V7
- 5) Salvation rushes in. VV8-9
  - a. Z didn't offer to repay what he cheated others out of to be saved, but because he was saved and as a result, wanted to do what was right. Repentance and a changed life are evidence of true conversion.
- 6) That's why Jesus came. V10

What about you? Has Jesus come to the spot in your life? Is he knocking at your heart's door? Will you trust Him and His finished work on the cross?

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