

**“Today salvation has come  
to this house”**

**Luke 19:1-10**

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**1** Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. **2** A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

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**“To finance their great world empire, the Romans levied heavy taxes on all nations under their control. The Jews opposed these taxes because they supported a secular government and its pagan gods, but they were still forced to pay.**

**Tax collectors were among the most unpopular people in Israel. Jews by birth, they chose to work for Rome and were considered traitors. Besides, it was common knowledge that tax collectors were making themselves rich by gouging their fellow Jews.”**

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**“Zacchaeus was a “chief tax collector”, holding a higher office in the Roman tax system than Levi did... His location in the major customs center of Jericho was ideal. Being both wealthy and a member of a generally despised group, he is a notable subject for the saving grace of God.”**

**The Expositor’s Bible Commentary**

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**Luke 19:3-4**

**3** He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. **4** So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

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**“The note on Zacchaeus’s small stature provides a way to emphasize his eagerness to see Jesus. In the mind of the ancient readers, this note may also point to his social and moral stature.”**

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**Luke 19:5-6**

**5** When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” **6** So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.



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**“This [“ I must stay at your house today.”] was worded as a mandate, not a request. It is the only place in all the Gospels where Jesus invited Himself to be someone’s guest.”**

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**Luke 19:7**

**7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”**

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**Luke 5:27-30**

**27** After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, **28** and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

**29** Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. **30** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

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**“No wonder the people muttered when Jesus went home with the tax collector Zacchaeus. But despite the fact that Zacchaeus was both a cheater and a turncoat, Jesus loved him.”**

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**Luke 19:8**

**8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”**

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**“[and in response to the love  
of Jesus]... the little tax  
collector was converted.”**

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# **“Today salvation has come”**

**“Judging from the crowd’s reaction to him, Zacchaeus must have been a very crooked tax collector. After he met Jesus, however, he realized that his life needed straightening out. By giving to the poor and making restitution-with generous interest - to those he had cheated, Zacchaeus demonstrated inward change by outward action.”**

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**Luke 5:31-32**

**31** Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **32** I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

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**Matthew 9:13**

**13 But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”**

**“Today salvation has come”**

**Luke 19:9-10**

**9** Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

# **“Today salvation has come”**

**“When Jesus said Zacchaeus was a son of Abraham and yet was lost, He must have shocked His hearers in at least two ways.**

**They would have not have liked to acknowledge that this unpopular tax collector was a fellow son of Abraham, and they would not have wished to admit that sons of Abraham could be lost. But a person is not saved by a good heritage or condemned by a bad one; faith is more important than genealogy.”**

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# Applications

- **God in His Sovereignty decides on the who, when and how of salvation**
- **We should never look at or think that someone is beyond salvation**
- **We must show a change in actions and attitudes as “proof”**

# Final Thoughts

**“Though the story of Zacchaeus is often viewed as a cute children’s story, it is in fact one of the most important stories in the whole Bible, since it reveals the heart of Jesus’ mission and God’s purpose for the world. Jesus came quintessentially to “seek and save what was lost.” Those who love God will share His passion to bring His wondrous salvation to a lost world.”**

**Mark Strauss**

# Final Thoughts

## Matthew 11:28-30

**28** “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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## 2 Corinthians 6:2

**2** For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.