

# Jesus and the Misfit from Jericho

Luke 19:1-10

**Introduction:** D. A. Horton, the author of our study, tells about his annoyance as a child with his family's having to travel a distance to pick up a man and bring him to church each Sunday. Then he heard the whole story ....

## **A. Zaccheus overcomes obstacles in order to see Jesus. Luke 19:1-4**

1. Jesus was passing through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem (19:1, 11). Was this incidental or intentional? Why?
2. What are we told about a man named Zaccheus? (19:2)
  - a.
  - b.
3. Putting "two and two together," what sort of assessment do you make about Zaccheus?
4. What was Zaccheus attempting to do? (19:3)
5. What was thwarting him? (19:3)
6. Zaccheus seemed to be driven in his efforts. What two unorthodox things did this man do to achieve his objective? (19:4)
  - a.
  - b.
7. Why was Zaccheus this driven?
8. What are some sacrifices you have seen people make in order to worship Jesus?
9. What stands out about their choices?
10. What sacrifices do you make in order to worship Jesus?
11. Are you willing to be unconventional in order to spend time with Jesus?

**B. Jesus ignores opposition in order to stay with Zaccheus. Luke 19:5-7**

1. There are perhaps three unusual things that occurred that Jesus did (19:5). What are they?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
2. Why on earth did Jesus invite himself into this man's home (19:5)? This is improper etiquette in any culture...
3. What was Zaccheus' response (19:6)? How would you describe his body language?
4. What was the reaction of the townspeople (19:7)?
  - a.
  - b.

**C. Jesus is the Savior who celebrates a sinner's repentance (Luke 19:8-10).**

1. Suddenly, Zaccheus stopped walking to his home and stood stock-still in the road and started talking to Jesus (19:8). Why?
2. Zaccheus made two stunning financial decisions (19:8). What were they?
  - a.
  - b.
3. What do you think motivated him to do so? (Luke's account does not really tell us.)
4. In Luke 18:18-25, Jesus had an encounter with another wealthy man. How did things turn out differently in that incident?
5. What did Jesus say had come to Zaccheus' house this day (19:9)?

6. What did Jesus imply was the proper requirement to be a true “Son of Abraham” (19:9)?
7. Some consider Jesus’ statement in Luke 19:10 to be the key verse of this gospel. What do you think?
8. What is your mission in life?
9. Author’s story from this past week...
10. There are some people in life who seem to be, for want of a better term, “social misfits.” Do you know any people like that?
11. “Normal” people often tend to marginalize these “misfits.” What posture should a committed Christian adopt?
12. Who is your Zaccheus?