



### **You Matter to God - God Sees You**

“He (Zacchaeus) wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-figtree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

*(Luke 19:3-5, NIV)*

“God never overlooks a single sparrow. And he pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head!” *(Luke 12:6-7, The Message)*

### **You Matter to God - God Knows You**

“When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus,” *(Luke 19:5, NIV)*

“Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.” *(Isaiah 49:15-16, NLT)*

### **You Matter to God - God Values You**

“When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.” .....But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.”

*(Luke 19:5-7, NLT)*

### **You Matter to God - God Wants You**

“When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”” *(Luke 19:5, NLT)*

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you will eat with me.” *(Revelation 3:20, NCV)*

### **You Matter to God - God Welcomes You**

“All the people saw this and began to complain, “Jesus is staying with a sinner!”” *(Luke 19:7, NCV)*

“Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”” *(Luke 19:9–10, NIV)*

## Word Search

S	A	I	D	U	G	W	D	C	R	AHEAD
C	O	M	E	N	J	W	S	C	F	BECAUSE
W	G	M	I	T	O	D	A	Y	L	BEING
K	A	E	A	R	J	N	R	J	O	CAME
C	B	D	C	H	I	E	F	H	R	CHIEF
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## Jesus Comes to Bring Salvation (*Luke 19:1–10*)

As chief among the publicans, Zacchaeus (“righteous one”) supervised the men who collected taxes and, of course, received his share of the money. No wonder he was rich! As Jesus and His followers made their way through Jericho to Jerusalem, Zacchaeus “kept seeking” to see Jesus, but his small stature made this very difficult. In his eagerness, Zaccheus did two things unbecoming to a man of his position: he ran (in the East, men do not run), and he climbed a tree! But his boyish curiosity led to his conversion!

It was Jesus who wanted to see Zacchaeus. Jesus stopped, looked up, and called Zacchaeus to come down and receive Him as his guest. Zacchaeus had been seeking, but now he was found! He received Jesus joyfully (John 1:11–13) and gave every evidence that he had experienced new life in his heart. Salvation had come to the house of Zacchaeus (Rev. 3:20) because he had exercised the same kind of saving faith as Abraham (Rom. 4:12).

What a contrast between the attitude of our Lord toward Zacchaeus and the attitude of the crowd (v. 7). Jesus came to seek and save the lost; they could only stand by and criticise (see 15:1–2). Verse 10 is a key verse in Luke's Gospel; for Luke describes the compassionate Son of Man, the Saviour of the lost (1:47, 71; 2:11; 7:50; 9:56; 18:42). What happened to Zacchaeus can happen to anybody who will trust the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Wiersbe, W.W., 1992. Wiersbe's expository outlines on the New Testament, Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.*)

## Questions to ponder....

Zacchaeus was a very despised person in the community.

- ***Who are those in our communities?***
- ***Do we give into social pressures to avoid these people and not share the Good News???***

Zacchaeus wanted to catch a glimpse of the Lord.

- ***What form did your curiosity about Christ take before you trusted in him?***

Zacchaeus demonstrated inward change by outward action. Following Jesus in your head or heart alone is not enough. You must show your faith by changed behaviour.

- ***Has your faith resulted in action?***
- ***What changes do you need to make or renew?***

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