

G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 19: 1-10

Jesus was going through the city Jericho, and many people came out to see him. There was a man there, named Zacchaeus, who was the head of all the tax collectors and was very rich. Zacchaeus also wanted to see Jesus and find out who he was. But Zacchaeus was a very short man and couldn't see Jesus through the crowd, so he ran ahead and climbed into a sycamore tree and waited for Jesus to pass.

When Jesus came to that place, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down! Hurry! I want to stay at your house today!"

Zacchaeus was so excited that he hurried down and welcomed Jesus into his home. The people who saw this were angry and said, "Look, this man, Jesus, is staying in the home of a sinner!"

But Zacchaeus said to Jesus, "Lord, I am going to give half of everything I have to the poor and if I have ever cheated anyone out of money, I am going to pay them back 4 times as much."

Then Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Today you have been saved, because you, too, are one of the family of Abraham. For I have come to seek and to save the people who are lost."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Tax collectors were not generous people in Jesus' time.



Why do you think Zacchaeus changed his ways?

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CAN WE TALK
ABOUT IT

Today's Gospel is about Zacchaeus, a dishonest tax collector who wanted to meet Jesus. The crowd was shocked that Jesus even talked to him. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to save everyone, especially sinners.

Remember that no matter how bad you feel or what you've done, Jesus is always open to come and visit.

How do we open ourselves to God? How do we get closer to Him?

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