

A Jesus Encounter

¹ He (Jesus) entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." *Luke 19:1-10*

What does this text tell us about Zacchaeus?

Who is he?

What does he do? What are the implications of what he does?

How do others view him? How do others view Jesus?

What does Jesus see?

What does this encounter tell us about Jesus?

What happens to Zacchaeus as a result of this face to face with Jesus?

How might we translate this Jesus/Zacchaeus encounter into our life?

How can we help others into a face to face meeting with Jesus?