

I. Desperate - Luke 19:1-4

1. Jericho - not the exact location conquered by Joshua (**verse 1**)
 - passing through
 2. The chief tax collector - Zacchaeus (**verse 2**)
 - wealthy
 - they were known to impose more taxes than were really required
 - Rea -that makes Zac a thief - some things never change... people still steal through taxes
 3. Zac wanted to see Jesus (verse 3) - a “crowd”
 - being short he found a tree (**verse 4**)
 - no one would have given way for a hated tax collector
 4. He wanted to see Jesus
 - Rea -why? - discuss
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Where did the desire to see Jesus come from?
 2. To see Him was one thing - he never expected Jesus to want to see him
 3. These are the days of Jesus’ popularity - Jesus experienced both popularity and rejection
 4. There are people we don’t “witness” to... Zac would’ve been on everyone’s list as too sinful to get saved, or the kind of person we don’t really want in our church

II. Friended - Luke 19:5-7

1. He looked up (**verse 5**)
 - when He reached the spot
 - Rea -knew he was there, and also knew his name
 - spoke to Zac not the crowd - come down “immediately”
 - Rea -Jesus invited Himself over to the house - so, that’s okay for me to invite myself over!
 - I must stay at your house
 - Rea -Jesus is never so busy with the crowd that individuals don’t matter - I think if you take care of individuals the crowds will take care of themselves
 2. He came down at once (**verse 6**)
 - Zac is eager to receive Jesus
 - gladly
 3. Was not popular to “hang out” with a tax collector (**verse 7**)
 - “mutter”
 - Rea -there’s always a bit of “muttering” in a Baptist church - usually devil inspired
 - Rea -were they jealous of the tax collector
 - Rea -if they were angry at the tax collector already this is salt in the wound - tax collectors were considered to be traitors (not patriots)
- Rea **Ideas and Questions**
1. Jesus is interested in the “one” - we are not we are interested in numbers
 2. Jesus is interested in “all” - we are interested in those who can help us - or our “kind”
 3. Jesus knows that people can change - we simply “write off” some persons - we give

- up, He does not
4. Jesus knows where you are - even if you're up in a tree

III. Repentant - Luke 19:8-10

1. But - they criticize - Zac repents... anyway (**verse 8**)
Rea -the criticism in verse 7, was more of Jesus than it was Zac - at verse 10, Jesus justifies what He did as seeking the Lost... so he took it as a criticism of who He was reaching out to
2. Half of possessions to the poor
 -four times to those he cheated
 -the Mosaic law sometimes demanded restitution (Lev. 6:5)
3. "Lord" is a term of respect
4. Jesus' reply (**verse 9**)
 - A. Salvation has come to this house
 - B. A son of Abraham - he had the same kind of faith that a faithful Jew would have
 -Paul said that people of faith are children of Abraham
- Rea -so Paul used the Old Testament "faith" as a spiritual birth
5. Salvation is come "today"
Rea -the fact that salvation has come was evidenced by his works
 -works at verse 8, Jesus deduces salvation at verse 9
6. "For" - Jesus' overall purpose (**verse 10**)
 -to seek and save the lost
- Rea -not just Zac but all the lost persons
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. It is a sad commentary of our churches that we don't want "just anybody" in our church
 -we want people like us
 -we say "if they're there for the right reason"
 2. Do you think that Zac had already thought about his deeds and knew he needed to change?
 3. Deeds reflect character - no one could say that better than Jesus... "you know a tree by its fruit" - no fruit no character?
 4. Shouldn't the church be "seeking" the lost?
 -shouldn't Christians be "seeking" the lost
 -why don't we seek the "really" sinful?
 5. My experience in Baptist churches is we have an attitude that says "they know where the church is" - versus the attitude of Jesus which is "seek and save"