

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

Imagine that you lived in Jericho and heard that Jesus was traveling through. What might you have done?

- 1) Gone to a friend's house to avoid the crowds.
- 2) Asked a friend to come with you to see Jesus.
- 3) Ran ahead of the crowd so you could touch Him.
- 4) Other _____

Look at Jesus' words. He didn't just say that He wanted to stay at Zacchaeus' house. He said "I must." What do you think that means?

- 1) Saving Zacchaeus was a part of God's plan.
- 2) He had to go to Zacchaeus' house to pay His taxes.
- 3) He had to go to Zacchaeus' house to prove He came for sinners.
- 4) Zacchaeus' house was nearby and He was very hungry.

Zacchaeus was not just a tax collector, like Matthew and others we have seen. He was a *chief* tax collector. He would have been very wealthy. But he didn't seem to have many friends. How do you think he felt when Jesus asked to come to his house?

- 1) Worried. He was out of groceries.
- 2) Excited. He had never had such a famous visitor.
- 3) Afraid. He didn't want Jesus to know he was a sinner.
- 4) Relieved. He would finally get to meet the Messiah.

Even though Zacchaeus was rich, Jesus did not respond to him the way He did to the rich young ruler. The name "Zacchaeus" means "righteous" or "pure." How did his heart change from being with Jesus (Luke 19:8)?

- 1) He was suddenly joyful.
- 2) He made lots of new friends.
- 3) He became generous.
- 4) He realized what was important.

How has your heart changed from being with Jesus?

- 1) I have a new kind of joy.
- 2) I have a Friend who is closer than a brother.
- 3) I have become generous instead of selfish.
- 4) I realize what is important.

Behind the Story

Read Luke 5:32. How does this apply to the story of Zacchaeus?

How does it apply to your story?

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Jesus and Zacchaeus BETWEEN THE LINES

Take some time to read the story of Jesus and Zaccheus in Luke 19:1-10.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Using Luke 19:1-3, list 5 things we are told about Zacchaeus:
We all have a reputation - the general things we are known for, as in our character. What was Zacchaeus' reputation?

All Zacchaeus wanted was to see Jesus. But what surprising thing did Jesus say to him as He passed by, and how did Zacchaeus respond?

While Jesus was there, a dramatic change came over Zacchaeus. What announcement did he stand and make during dinner?

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Why do you think it was so important to Zacchaeus to be able to see Jesus?
1) He was just curious.
2) He was looking for the Messiah.

Why do you think Jesus made such a point of addressing him?
1) He could see Zacchaeus' heart.
2) He recognized him.

Why were the people so offended that Jesus would eat at Zacchaeus' house?
1) They were jealous.
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