



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 19:1-10 (NAS)

Topic: "Jesus Came for A Little Man with Big Sins"
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- 1 He entered Jericho and was passing through.
- 2 And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.
- 3 Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.
- 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.
- 5 When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."
- 6 And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly.
- 7 When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."
- 8 Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much."
- 9 And 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 has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

I. CONFUSION ON WHO IT IS DOING THE SEEKING

- A. Little Children Have the Confusion In Hide And Seek
- B. As A New Child Of The Faith We Have The Same Confusion
- C. The Theme Verse Answers This Confusion Question

II. BACKGROUND ON ZACCHEUS

- A. He Was A Little Man Physically And In The Eyes Of The People
- B. He Was The Chief Of The Tax Collectors
- C. He Was A Rich Man *Luke 18:27*

III. SON OF MAN

- A. A Favorite Title Of Christ For Himself

- B. Virgin Birth Points To His Humanity
- C. God Become Man A Necessity To His Accomplishment of Salvation

IV. CHRIST THE INITIATOR IN THIS RELATIONSHIP

- A. Zaccheus Was Curious
- B. Jesus Sought Him Out *Romans 3:10, 11; John 6:44, 65*
- C. Jesus Invited Himself To Zaccheus' House
- D. He Gives A Personal Call
- E. He Actuates Salvation In Our Lives *John 6:37, 39*
- F. It Is Not The Will Of Man That Saves Us *John 1:12, 13*

V. HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF

- A. As A Big Sinner *1 Timothy 1:15*
- B. Helplessly Lost *Romans 5:6*
- C. Secure In Christ, A Child Of God By Faith vs. 9 *Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3*
- D. Do You Claim The Security Of God's Promises? *1 John 5:13; Romans 8:31-39*