

Sharing Jesus
Lessons from Zacchaeus
Luke 19:1-19:10

I. The text. Luke 19:1-10

- a. He entered Jericho and was passing through. ²There was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but he was not able because of the crowd, since he was a short man. ⁴So running ahead, he climbed up a sycamore tree to see Jesus, since He was about to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down because today it is necessary for me to stay at your house." ⁶So he quickly came down and welcomed Him joyfully. ⁷All who saw it began to complain, "He's gone to stay with a sinful man." ⁸But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, I'll give half of my possessions to the poor, Lord. And if I have extorted anything from anyone, I'll pay back four times as much." ⁹"Today salvation has come to this house," Jesus told him, "because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:1-10
- b. Jesus has begun His approach to Calvary
- c. Zacchaeus has a need to see Jesus
- d. Jesus sees Zacchaeus and calls him.
- e. Zacchaeus responds and is blessed

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f. Bill Bright, Founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, said, "Millions of surveys which we have helped to take around the world indicate that approximately 98 percent of the Christians do not regularly introduce others to the Savior." WHERE DO STAND WHEN IT COMES TO SHARING JESUS?

II. We must seek the lost.

- We must go after people because they are looking for hope and answers.
- ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down because today it is necessary for Me to stay at your house." Luke 19:5
- ²³ "Then the master told the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges and make them come in, so that my house may be filled. Luke 14:23
- ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19
- Take time to "look up" or down, you might be surprised at what you see.

III. We must care for the lost.

- We must care enough to find out more about the lost. Jesus called Zacchaeus by name.
- "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down because today it is necessary for Me to stay at your house." Luke 19:5b

- c. ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, stay warm, and be well fed," but you don't give them what the body needs, what good is it? James 2:15-16
- d. Kindness to the poor is a loan to the Lord,
and He will give a reward to the lender. Proverbs 19:17
- e. ⁹ The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9
- f. Do you know the name of or anything about "THAT PERSON?"
- g. Did you really mean it when you told some to "Go to Hell?"

IV. We must go to the lost.

- a. ... because today it is necessary for Me to stay at your house." Luke 19:5
- b. We must be willing to go to them, into their homes, into their culture, into their circles while still being separate in our actions.
- c. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. Matthew 5:14
- d. ¹⁶ "Look, I'm sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves. Matthew 10:16
- e. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in

Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

- f. ¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. Luke 4:18-19

V. We must share the truth with the lost.

- a. What did Jesus say that elicited this response? ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, I’ll give half of my possessions to the poor, Lord. And if I have extorted anything from anyone, I’ll pay back four times as much.” Luke 19:8
- b. The overwhelming strength of the Prophets of was the ability to say “THUS SAITH THE LORD.” Later, Moses and Aaron went in and said to Pharaoh, “**This is what the Lord**, the God of Israel, says: Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival for me in the wilderness.” Exodus 5:1
- c. We must speak the truth that man is utterly helpless without Jesus.
 - ⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. Romans 5:6
- d. We must speak the truth that God loves man so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die and raised Him from the grave.

- ¹⁶For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16
- e. We must speak the truth that God has a standard and the Bible shows us that standard.
- ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

VI. We must teach the saved.

- a. The founder of Chick-fil-a, said "If you wish to enrich days, plant flowers; If you wish to enrich years, plant trees; If you wish to enrich Eternity, plant ideals in the lives of others."
- b. When we have won the lost for Christ we must teach them what it means to be a Christian.
- c. The major problems in church stems from the saved not knowing how or being unwilling to live according to the teaching of Christ.
- d. ¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19