Zacchaeus

# Luke 19:1-10

1) Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector

* He was both a social and religious outcast by cooperating with the Roman oppressors
* He was rich and successful but wanted more out of life – Psalm 49:16-20
* Mid-life crisis is a good time to find Jesus

2) Zacchaeus could not see Jesus because of the crowd

* Are we in the way of people seeing Jesus?
* People don’t want to see perfection in you, they want to know if your faith helps you through life’s most difficult challenges – Matthew 7:24-27

3) What does it mean to be a friend of sinners?

* You can love people without agreeing with their lifestyle – John 8:10-11
* You can be friends with sinners without sinning with them – 1 Corinthians 15:33
* What does it mean to be “unequally yoked” with unbelievers? Are you influencing them, or are they influencing you? – 1 Corinthians 6:14-18

4) The evidence of a true salvation is a changed life – vs.8-9

* We are not saved BY works; we are saved FOR good works – Ephesians 2:8-10

5) The three reasons Christ came

1. *For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10*
2. *I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10b*
3. *For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. I John 3:8b*

