

IN A TREE

FORGIVENESS



- Read Luke 19:1-10
- As you consider Jesus' interaction with Zacchaeus, what can we learn about him to help us understand his behavior toward Jesus? His name for example tells us that he is Jewish. However, his occupation as "the chief tax collector" tells us that he was not in good standing with his Jewish brothers and sisters. What kind of reputation did tax collectors have in those days? What do we observe about Zacchaeus' behavior that may reveal the inner thoughts of his heart about himself?
- Read John 1:10-13. What relationship do you see between this text and Zacchaeus' response to Jesus in Luke 19:6? Read Romans 4:11-13, Galatians 3:5-9, & John 8:37-39. Jesus calls Zacchaeus "a son of Abraham" in Luke 19:9. What connection do we see between these passages? Who are the true children of God?
- The word "repentance" can bring many different thoughts to mind. What is repentance and how is Zacchaeus an example for us of someone who repents and believes? What does he offer to do? Do you see evidence of repentance in your own life?

APPLICATION

The Bible teaches us that it is only through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven for our sins. Like Zacchaeus, we must come to terms with the truth that we have sinned against God and against each other. God's goodness demands that He must punish sin. God's loving nature is revealed in "the Gospel". We have been made right with God by faith and we now have peace with God

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because Jesus Christ became sin on the cross in order to take our punishment in our place. Zacchaeus received Jesus with great excitement and joy; and turned away from the sins he previously committed. Can we rejoice with Zacchaeus, being true sons and daughters of Abraham? Jesus Christ came to seek and save those who are lost. Who in your life can you share the Gospel with?

S.O.A.P. (Scripture|Observation|Application|Prayer)

MondayJames 2:14-26

Thursday... 2 Corinthians 5:9-21

TuesdayRomans 3:19-26

FridayJohn 8:31-59

Wednesday... Luke 3:7-22

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