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A Biographical Study of Zacchaeus

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Zacchaeus

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

I. Zacchaeus, the sinner—“And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich” (Luke 19:1-2).

II. Zacchaeus, the seeker—He desired to meet the Savior, but first had to overcome a problem.
   A. The source of his problem—“And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature” (Luke 19:3).
   B. The solution to his problem—“And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way” (Luke 19:4).

III. Zacchaeus, the saved
   A. Jesus’s request—“And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house” (Luke 19:5).
   B. Zacchaeus’s response—“And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully” (Luke 19:6).

IV. Zacchaeus, the Spirit-controlled—Two spoken testimonies immediately made it clear that he had indeed passed from death to life, and was being controlled by the Holy Spirit of God.
   A. Zacchaeus’s testimony—“And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold” (Luke 19:8).
   B. Jesus’s testimony—“And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham” (Luke 19:9).

STATISTICS

First mention: Luke 19:2
Final mention: Luke 19:8
Meaning of his name: “Pure”
Frequency of his name: Referred to three times
Occupation: Tax collector
Important fact about his life: This dishonest tax collector met Jesus while in a sycamore tree.