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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.