

# Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

Zaccheus Says Yes

Luke 19:1-10

Luke 18:18-25

## Luke 19:1-6

Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was short of stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was going to pass that way.

# Roman Empire at the Time of Jesus



1. Who loves anyone telling them they owe taxes?
2. Tax collectors generally were dishonest.
3. The people felt cheated and betrayed.
4. Tax collectors worked with the Romans which made them unclean by association.

## Luke 19:5-6

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zaccheaus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

## Luke 19:7-10

All the people said this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

But Zaccheaus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look Lord!! Here and now, I give half of my possessions to the poor and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay them back four times the amount.”

Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Proverbs 4:23

Guard your heart with  
all diligence, for from  
it flows springs of life.



## Luke 18:18-25

A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good- except God alone. You know the commandments; You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder. You shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.”

**“All these I have kept since  
I was a boy,” he said.**

**When Jesus heard this, he  
said to him, “You still lack  
one thing. Sell everything  
you have and give to the  
poor and you will have  
treasure in heaven. Then  
come, follow me.”**

When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard is it for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

1. They both sought Jesus out.

2. Both men were rich.

3. Both men wanted to hear what Jesus had to say.

4. Both men were seeking something deeper and eternal.

2 Corinthians 7:10

Godly sorrow brings  
repentance that leads  
to salvation and  
leaves no regret, but  
worldly sorrow brings  
death.

**Matthew 16:24**

**Then Jesus said to his  
disciples, “Whoever  
wants to be my disciple  
must deny themselves  
and take up their cross  
and follow me.”**

