

III. You have to take Jesus home and keep him there.

But Zacchaeus 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 back four times the amount.”

Luke 19:8

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, ...¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

Luke 19:9,10

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

(Jesus) 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.” ²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.

Luke 18:22,23

1. Jesus knows where you're hiding

“I stand at the door and knock. Open up. I will come in, and I will eat with you ...”

Revelation 3:20

2. Jesus knows your name.

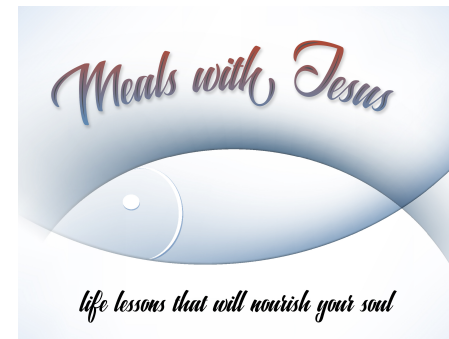
When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately.

Luke 19:5

3. Jesus invites you into relationship with him.

If you climb a tree, if you get over the crowd, and if you take Jesus home, his salvation can flow through your life.

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What Does Zacchaeus' Story Teach Us?

Gospel of Luke 19:1-10

A picture of Jesus coming into a life and transforming it.

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a ‘sinner.’ ”

⁸ But Zacchaeus 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 back four times the amount.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

This is God's Word

I. You have to get over yourself.

He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

Luke 19:3,4

"Unless you become like a child, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:3

"I believe there's an eternal world out there beyond this world by which we know certain laws in this world are unjust. Injustice is not a matter of opinion. Good and evil are not just matters of opinion; they're not all relative."

Martin Luther King Jr.

In the moment of surrender, I let go of all the theological or social questions which had kept me from [God] for countless years. I simply let them go. There was the sense, profound and wordless, that if He knew everything I did not have to know everything, and that, in seeking to know everything, I'd been, all of my life, missing the entire point. No social paradox, no historic disaster, no hideous record of injustice or misery should keep me from Him. No question of Scriptural integrity, no torment over the fate of this or that atheist or gay friend, no worry for those condemned and ostracized by my church or any other church should stand between me and Him. **The reason?** It was magnificently simple: He knew how or why everything happened; He knew the disposition of every single soul. He wasn't going to let anything happen by accident! Nobody was going to go to Hell by mistake."

Renowned Author and one time Atheist- Anne Rice

"As an adolescent, I would have been ashamed to have been found reading fairy tales." When you become a teenager or so, you're told, "You can't read fairy tales. You can't believe in witches and other worlds and all that sort of thing." Now that I am 50, I read them in public. For when I became a man, I put away childish things, especially the fear of childishness."

C.S. Lewis

II. You have to get over the judgmental crowd.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" Luke 19:5-7

Zacchaeus said as it were, "I'm going to find out who Jesus really is. I'm not going to be affected by all of the inconsistencies of the people who say they're his followers."

Jesus talks to unbelievers, prostitutes, tax collectors and sinners, and he does so gently but directly. The only place Jesus ever denounces, is with the self-righteous leaders and followers.

"I tell you the truth, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do. Matthew 21:31

"Woe to you, Chorazin and Bethsaida! It'll be better on judgment day for Sodom and Gomorrah than for you." Matthew 11:21

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Two sides to this:
Don't let judgmental followers keep you from Christ.
Don't become that judgmental follower.

Why? Because Jesus says, "I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So (Zacchaeus) came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Luke 19:5,6