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## Zacchaeus Through the Eye of the Needle

Luke 19:1-10

- 1) Riches in Luke's Gospel are a curse, not a blessing (6:24; 12:20-21; 16:13; 18:24-25)
- 2) Zacchaeus, in his wealth, represents man's total depravity
- 3) Having chosen His own, God seeks them in their depravity
  - a) No man seeks for God (Pss. 14:1-2; 53:1-2; Rom. 3:11)
  - b) When we seek God, God is seeking us; He takes the initiative
    - i) We tend to realize our emptiness; guilty conscience
    - ii) We don't mind making a fool of ourselves to be saved
  - c) God the Father draws His elect to Jesus (John 6:44, 65)
- 4) God goes out of His way to find His lost ones (v. 10; cf. Luke 15)
  - a) Those struggling w/ sin & guilt; nothing satisfies
  - b) Those the world believes have no hope
- 5) How can I know I've been found by God?
  - a) When we repent & produce fruit in keeping w/ repentance
  - b) When we rest in Christ's finished work on the cross
  - c) Seeing our salvation as a blessing to others (cf. 18:43)
  - d) Instead of living to get, we now live to give

