

“The Christ Who Seeks Out the Lost”

Luke 19:1-10

Our Lord Jesus Christ delights to seek out and to save the ‘outcasts’!

1. The Man Who Needed Grace

vv. 1-2

*“Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector,
and he was rich”*

- A chief tax collector; a well-known ‘sinner!’ (cf. v. 7)

2. The Divine Appointment of Grace

vv. 3-5

(1) **Zacchaeus seeking Jesus** *“he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him,
for He was going to pass that way.”*

- Very eager to see Jesus!
- Willing to make a spectacle of himself – to humble himself – in order to do so!

(2) **Jesus seeking Zacchaeus**

*“And when Jesus came to the place,
He looked up and said to him,
‘Zacchaeus, make haste and come down,
for today I must stay at your house.’”*

- For this He had come to Jericho
- He already knew Zacchaeus
- He knew precisely where Zacchaeus would be
- He already knew He would dine at his house

3. The Work of Grace in the Heart

vv. 6-10

(1) **Rejoicing at ‘Welcoming’ Grace** (6) *“So he made haste and came down,
and received Him joyfully.”*

(2) **Complaining at ‘Welcoming’ Grace** (7) *“But when they saw it, they all complained,
saying, ‘He has gone to be a guest
with a man who is a sinner.’”*

- It is those who have never tasted of saving grace
who complain against it!

(3) The Evidences of Saving Grace (8-9)

-1- **Gratitude to God** *“Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor”*

-2- **A remarkable Detachment from the things of this world**

-3- **Repentance and Restitution** *“if I have taken anything from anyone
by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”*

(4) Our Lord’s Declaration of His Mission of Grace (10)

-1- **Realized in Zacchaeus and his house** *“Today salvation has come to this house,
because he also is a son of Abraham.”*

- He was a chosen of God!
- A happy beneficiary of God’s promise to redeem a people for Himself!

-2- **Ever Carried Forward by Christ alone** *“for the Son of Man has come to seek
and to save that which was lost.”*

- Christ Himself seeks the lost
- Christ Himself secures their salvation

Further Application: