

# MAKE ROOM

An Advent Reflection

*Make Room*  
Luke 19:1-10  
December 24, 2023

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” - Luke 19:8

## I. JUST PASSING THROUGH

- Although Jesus was not planning a long stay in Jericho, his plans did include a meeting with Zacchaeus (vss. 5, 10).
- Jesus often changed plans for those who were seeking him (Matt. 15:21-28; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 18:35-43).

## II. RECEIVING JESUS JOYFULLY

- Zacchaeus was thrilled to have Jesus into his home (vs. 6).
- The “righteous” were decidedly less enthusiastic with Jesus (vs. 7; Matt. 9:10-13).
- The end result was a saved soul. Zacchaeus did not just say he had come to Christ, he vowed to demonstrate the reality. Changed hearts make changed lives (vss. 8-9; Luke 6:46-49).
- Zacchaeus will give 50% of his wealth plus restore four-fold all that has been defrauded, going well beyond the requirements of the law (Num. 5:5-7).
- It is hard for the rich to be saved, but not impossible (cf. Luke 18:24-25; 19:2).

## III. SEEKING, OR BEING SOUGHT?

- Who was seeking who in this story?
- Zacchaeus wanted to meet Jesus, but Jesus wanted to meet him as well. He came to seek and to save the lost (vss. 5, 10; John 9:3, 35; Acts 9:1-9, 10:3).
- Salvation belongs to the Lord (Jonah 2:9; Rev. 7:10).

**KNOW:** Zacchaeus had become desperate to see and know Jesus. Jesus found him, and Zacchaeus made room for him in his life. Salvation was the result. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

**DO:** Be found by Jesus.

### Suggested Reading:

*Is Christmas Unbelievable? Four Questions Everyone Should Ask About the World's Most Famous Story* by Rebecca McLaughlin (Available in the LifePoint Library)

### For Children:

*The Christmas Promise* by Alison Mitchell & Catalina Echeverri (Available in the LifePoint Library)

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### Please Read Luke 19:1-10

1. Jesus had already had a busy day in Jericho. Read Luke 18:35-43. Does this relate to Jesus' ministry with Zacchaeus at all?
2. Why was it so improbable that Zacchaeus would seek Jesus?
3. Why must Jesus stay at Zacchaeus home?
4. Luke 18:18-25 tells us of another wealthy man who went from excited to meet Jesus to disappointed. How is Zacchaeus different?
5. Was Zacchaeus saved by his good intentions to right his wrongs?
6. How did Jesus know that salvation had come to Zacchaeus?
7. What will you apply to your life from this narrative?