INTRODUCTION: Most of us know very little about the “wee little man” named Zaccheus. Yet his encounter with Jesus tells us a great deal about the heart of God toward sinners.

I. God Searches For Us In Spite Of Our Sin (Luke 19:1-5)

Luke 19:1 “And He [Jesus] entered and was passing through Jericho.”

A. Zaccheus Was a Tax Collector (Luke 19:2)

Luke 19:2 “And behold, there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; and he was a chief tax-gatherer, and he was rich.”

B. Zaccheus Was Rich (Luke 19:2b)

Luke 19:2 “…and he was rich.”

C. Zaccheus Was Short (Luke 19:3-5)

Luke 19:3 “And he was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable to because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.”
Luke 19:4  “And he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.”

Luke 19:5  “And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, ‘Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.’”

II. God Forgive Us Of Our Sin  (Luke 19:6-7)

Luke 5:31-32  31 “And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick.  32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.’”

Luke 19:6-7  6 “And he hurried and came down, and received Him gladly.  7 And when they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, ‘He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.’”

John 3:16  “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

III. Jesus Frees Us From Our Sin  (Luke 19:8-10)

Luke 19:8  “And Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.’”

Luke 19:9-10  9 “And Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.  10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.’”

Conclusion