



# REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A BIG GOD LUKE 19:1-10

**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 Forgives Us Of Our Sin** (Luke 19:6-7)

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

Luke 19:6-7 <sup>6</sup> “And he hurried and came down, and received Him gladly. <sup>7</sup> 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 <sup>9</sup> “And Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.’”

Conclusion