

TAKE HOME SHEET



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¹ Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." ⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷ But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. ⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" ⁹ Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 19:1–10 (NLT)

If you had been in the crowd, what would you have been hoping to see? What if you were one of Jesus' disciples?

As the chief tax collector, Zacchaeus was hated and despised. How would you have reacted when you saw Jesus approach him? What would you have expected Jesus to say? How would you have felt when you saw Him treat Zacchaeus with kindness?

Why do you think Jesus reached out to Zacchaeus publicly instead of privately?

What risk did Jesus run in doing this?

What might God be showing me here about how to love others without compromising my love for Him, in accordance with Micah 6:8?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation
NIV – New International Version

MESSAGE NOTES



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¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.
Ephesians 5:15–17 (NLT)

Followers of Jesus should be known less for their political views and more for their humility, hope, and love.

When we lack any of these essentials, we lose the impact God wants His followers to have.

He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

Cynicism (def): distrust that leads to detachment from others.

Some Christians are like this and try to hold to a private faith that God doesn't endorse.

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 28:18–19 (NLT)

True love for Christ will lead me to take risks, just like He did, for the sake of a bigger story.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.
Romans 5:8 (NLT)

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.
Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

How can I follow Jesus' example this week?