

God's Amazing Grace

The Heart of  
God's Purpose

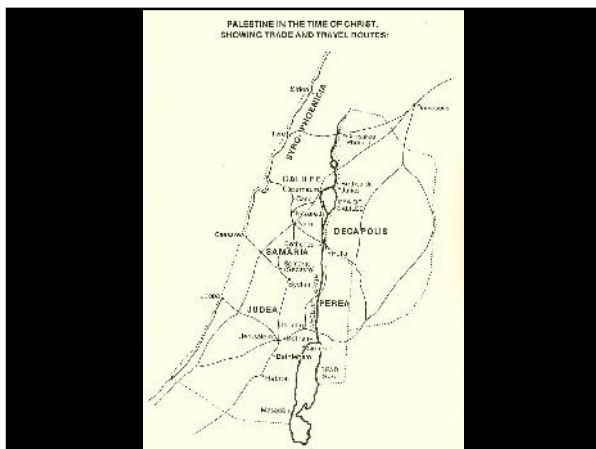
Luke 19:1-10

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Two Lead-up Stories (Luke 18)

1. Rich young ruler comes to Jesus (v18-25)
2. Poor blind Bartemaueus calling out to Jesus (v35-43)

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1. "A Wee Little Man Was He"

Luke 19:1-4

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Jericho

- » A beautiful, well-to-do city
- » 10 miles east of Jerusalem
- » Lovely palms and balsam groves (v1)

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Zacchaeus

- » Introduced as a chief tax collector and rich (v2)
- » He is trying to see Jesus but is too short – blocked by the crowd (v3)

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He runs ahead and climbs a "Sycamore tree" to catch a view of Jesus (v4).

- » Why does he want to see Jesus so badly?

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## II. Jesus Seeks Zacchaeus

Luke 19:5-7

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- » Jesus comes to the tree, looks up
- » He calls out, "I must come to your house, today" (v5)
- » A focus on 'today', also in v9
- » Jesus is seeking Zacchaeus – this is not a detour!

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- » Zacchaeus is thrilled and welcomes Jesus
- » The crowd grumbles against Jesus (v7)
- » Grumble – 'grrr', Greek – 'diaggudzo'
- » They are unhappy because Jesus goes to dine with a sinner

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## III. Zacchaeus Returns to His Rightful Place

Luke 19:8-10

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## Zacchaeus' House

- » They eat and have conversation
- » Zacchaeus repents, gives half of his money to the poor & makes retribution to others (v8)
- » Wellness seen in the whole life being impacted

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*“Today Salvation has Come”*

- » Jesus’ response to Zacchaeus in v9.
- » Salvation = wellness, made whole
- » ‘TODAY’
- » Zacchaeus returns to his rightful place

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*14. Some Points to Consider*

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*Jesus is the True Seeker*

“For the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost.” (v10)

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*The Lost*

The lost are those who are out of place.

- » Luke 15 – three stories
  - the lost sheep (v3-7);
  - the lost coin (v8-10);
  - the lost sons (11-24)

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*The Radicality of Grace*

- » Jesus seeking the non-person (in spite of being rich) – he seeks the outcast, marginalized
- » The grace of God is reaching out to each one of us
- » Seeking and saving is the heart of Jesus’ vocation

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