

Lesson XI.

ZACCHÆUS THE PUBLICAN

December 16, 1900

Luke 19 : 1-10 —Memory Verses 8-10

Golden Text—The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.—
 Luke 19 : 10.



1 And Je'sus entered and passed through Jer'icho.

2 And, behold, *there was* a man named Zacchæ'us, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Je'sus who he was ; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him : for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Je'sus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæ'us, make haste, and come down ; for to-day I must abide at thy house.

6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw *it*, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zacchæ'us stood, and said unto the Lord ; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor ; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold.

9 And Je'sus said unto him,

This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Ab'raham.

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

THE LESSON RETOLD

There was a man living in Jericho called Zacchæus, who was very anxious to see with his own eyes what kind of man Jesus was. He was one of the richest men in Jericho, but he had made his money in a way that his neighbors did not like, for he was a tax-collector or publican, and the taxes were for the Romans, who were their enemies. When he knew that Jesus was passing through the city, he left his office and ran out into the street to see him.

But Zacchæus was a short man, and he now found the crowd so strong and dense that he could not even catch a single glimpse of Him whom he was so anxious to see.

But soon he thought of a good plan, and running on a little ahead of the thick

crowd, he climbed up quickly into a shade tree, and waited there until Jesus should pass. Every minute the crowd came nearer and nearer, and when Jesus was at the tree, He stopped, and looked up suddenly at Zacchæus sitting there. Then He spoke, calling the surprised little man by name, saying, "Zacchæus, make haste and come down, for I have chosen to stay at your house while I am in Jericho."

Then Zacchæus hurried down joyfully, and took Jesus home with him to dinner.

But the people in the crowd were cross. They said, "He has gone again to eat with publicans and sinners ! Why, everyone knows that this Zacchæus is not even quite respectable !"

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