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## ZACCHAEUS MEETS JESUS; LUKE 19:1-10

FBC Morning Worship  
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Luke 19:1-10

### **Zacchaeus was a sinner. v.2**

1. Zacchaeus was short. Greek is *mikros* meaning “small” in stature.
2. Zacchaeus was extremely wealthy.
3. The Jewish public would have considered Zacchaeus and any other tax collector the worst of sinners, a traitor. The religious establishment very likely had written him off.

### **Zacchaeus was a seeker. v.3-6**

1. External evidence of his interest was obvious. He was eager. v.4
2. Internal evidence of his interest was also present. v.6

The Greek word is *chairōn* meaning “rejoicing”.

### **Jesus was a seeker too. v.3-6, 10**

1. Jesus was a seeker of sinners. v.10
2. Jesus began His journey toward Zacchaeus before Zachaeus was even born. Genesis 3:15
3. Zacchaeus may have sought Jesus, but it was Jesus who found Zacchaeus. v.5
4. Jesus seeks with purpose. v.10

### **Jesus required a response. v.8-9**

1. Choices of the heart yield external evidence of fruit. v.8
2. In contrast, a very different response from the Rich Ruler in Luke 18:18-30
3. Jesus’ practice of eating at the homes of sinners is marked by a change in the sinners, not in Jesus.

### **Jesus seeks us because He loves us. v.8-9**

1. He loves us while we are still sinners. Romans 5:8
2. He promises those who seek Him, they will find Him. Jeremiah 29:13
3. There is no one beyond His grace. Acts 10:43; Romans 1:16

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

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