

**“WHO’S IN? WHO’S OUT?”**  
**“He Showed Up” - Pt 3 of 4**  
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**Text: Luke 19:1-10**

**Theme:** Sometimes we’re so familiar with Bible stories that we miss subtle nuances. Such is the case with the story of Zacchaeus.

**Luke 19:1-2** “He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.

**Luke 19:3-4** “And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.”

**Luke 19:5-6** “And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup> So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.”

**Luke 19:7** “And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”

**Luke 19:8** “And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”

**Luke 19:9-10** “And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**LOOK IN:**

1. If you’ve heard about Zacchaeus before, how do you feel about the new insights this message offers about a relatively familiar story?
2. Who is your Zacchaeus person? What might an “outsider” like that say about you? Are you willing to ask them and why or why not?
3. How does Luke’s story about Zacchaeus challenge you? What part(s) in particular confronted your preconceptions?
4. Where have you made assumptions about friends, neighbors, family, or co-workers and their relationship (or lack of relationship) with Jesus? How has this teaching challenged you to re-examine your assumptions?
5. How do you decide if you are in or out? What do you base that judgment on? Are you satisfied with your self-assessment? Why or why not?