

~ZACCHAEUS (145)

(Zac-chae'us) [from Hebrew, possibly from a root meaning, clean, pure]

- A chief tax collector at Jericho who became one of Christ's disciples. As such an official, **Zacchaeus** was likely over the other tax collectors in and around Jericho.
- The district around Jericho was fertile and productive, yielding considerable tax returns as a result of commerce, and **Zacchaeus**, in the manner of most tax collectors, had probably employed questionable practices in connection with his position to procure part of his notable wealth, for, indeed, **he was rich**.
- And he entered Jericho and was going through. (Luke 19:1)
- Now here there was a man called by the name **Zacchaeus**, and he was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. (Luke 19:2)
- But **Zacchaeus** stood up and said to the Lord; Look! The half of my belongings, Lord, I am giving to the poor, and whatever I extorted from anyone by false accusation I am restoring fourfold. (Luke 19:8)

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- When Jesus came to Jericho in the spring of **33 C.E.**, just before going to Jerusalem and to his death, **Zacchaeus** wanted to get a glimpse of him, but being small in stature, he could not see over the crowd.
- So, running ahead to an advance position, he resourcefully gained a vantage point by climbing a tree. This interest, of course, impressed Jesus, who told **Zacchaeus** that he would stay with him while in Jericho.
- The townspeople objected, however, saying that Jesus was making himself a friend of sinners. Showing a changed attitude, **Zacchaeus** declared that he would restore fourfold whatever he had got unjustly and that he would give half his belongings to the poor. Jesus then acknowledged that his household was now in line for salvation.

- Well, he was seeking to see who this Jesus was, but he could not for the crowd, because he was small in size. (Luke 19:3)
- So he ran ahead to an advance position and climbed a fig-mulberry tree in order to see him, because he was about to go through that way. (Luke 19:4)
- Now when Jesus got to the place, he looked up and said to him; **Zacchaeus**, hurry and get down, for today I must stay in your house. (Luke 19:5)
- With that he hurried and got down and with rejoicing he received him as guest. (Luke 19:6)
- But when they saw it, they all fell to muttering, saying; With a man that is a sinner he went in to lodge. (Luke 19:7)
- But **Zacchaeus** stood up and said to the Lord; Look! The half of my belongings, Lord, I am giving to the poor, and whatever I extorted from anyone by false accusation I am restoring fourfold. (Luke 19:8)
- At this Jesus said to him; This day salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham. (Luke 19:9)
- For the Son of man came to seek and to save what was lost. (Luke 19:10)
- Also, while visiting **Zacchaeus**, Jesus spoke the illustration of the minas.
- While they were listening to these things he spoke in addition an illustration, because he was near Jerusalem and they were imagining that the kingdom of God was going to display itself instantly. (Luke 19:11)
- Therefore he said; A certain man of noble birth traveled to a distant land to secure kingly power for himself and to return. (Luke 19:12)
- Calling ten slaves of his he gave them ten minas and told them, Do business till I come. (Luke 19:13)
- But his citizens hated him and sent out a body of ambassadors

- after him, to say; We do not want this man to become king over us. (Luke 19:14)
- Eventually when he got back after having secured the kingly power, he commanded to be called to him these slaves to whom he had given the silver money, in order to ascertain what they had gained by business activity. (Luke 19:15)
 - Then the first one presented himself, saying; Lord, your mina gained ten minas. (Luke 19:16)
 - So he said to him; Well done, good slave! Because in a very small matter you have proved yourself faithful, hold authority over ten cities. (Luke 19:17)
 - Now the second came, saying; Your mina, Lord, made five minas. (Luke 19:18)
 - He said to this one also; You, too, be in charge of five cities. (Luke 19:19)
 - But a different one came, saying; Lord, here is your mina, that I kept laid away in a cloth. (Luke 19:20)
 - You see, I was in fear of you, because you are a harsh man, you take up what you did not deposit and you reap what you did not sow. (Luke 19:21)
 - He said to him; Out of your own mouth I judge you, wicked slave. You knew, did you, that I am a harsh man, taking up what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? (Luke 19:22)
 - Hence why is it you did not put my silver money in a bank? Then on my arrival I would have collected it with interest. (Luke 19:23)
 - With that he said to those standing by; Take the mina from him and give it to him that has the ten minas. (Luke 19:24)
 - But they said to him, Lord, he has ten minas! (Luke 19:25)
 - I say to you; To everyone that has, more will be given, but from the one that does not have, even what he has will be taken away. (Luke 19:26)

- **Moreover, these enemies of mine that did not want me to become king over them bring here and slaughter them before me. (Luke 19:27)**
- **So, after he had said these things, he began to go on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. (Luke 19:28)**