ZACCHAEUS ENCOUNTERS JESUS

I. Introduction: (A familiar Sunday School Song)

Zacchaeus was a wee little man,
And a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree
For the Lord he wanted to see.
And as the Savior passed that way
He looked up in the tree,
And he said, "Zacchaeus you come down,
For I'm going to your house today!"
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II. Unpacking The Passage:

A. Jesus Brings Good News To All People

A man was there by the name of **Zacchaeus**; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. Luke 19:2

B. Now Matter Who I Am Jesus Notices Me

5] When Jesus reached the spot, **he looked up** and said to him, "**Zacchaeus**, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6] So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Luke 19:5-6

C. Jesus Offers Us His Grace

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner." Luke 19:7

D. God's Grace Transforms Hearts

8] But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, <u>"Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."_9] Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10] For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:8-10</u>

III. Conclusion and Application:

A Changed Heart

- Generous
- Compassionate
- Concerned about Justice
- Appreciate the Grace of God