



The Necessity of the God-man (Jesus Christ) Luke 19:1-10

Introduction

It is vitally important to being human that we identify with Jesus humanity. He came as the expression of God's original design for humans. As we observe through this encounter with Zacchaeus, in His divinity he relates to our humanity in four ways; (1) He comes to us, (2) He calls us, (3) He commands us, and (4) He communes with us.

Read Luke 19:1-10

1 And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchæus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

- We can observe that he was Jewish as his name was Zaccari (pure) was common name in the culture.
- Chief among tax collectors. Others reported to him. He was rich.
- He would have influence on those under his leadership.

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

- Seek Jesus with an eye of faith to see who He is. Matthew 16:16
- Look unto Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrews 12:2

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

- He abandoned the protocol his position would have demanded and took to the tree like a boy.
- If you really want to get to Christ they will break through all kinds of difficulties their dilemmas present.
- Short story of attending great nephews High School graduation. Parking was not illegal, but ill-advised.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

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(the God-man)
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Four Necessary Actions of the God-man

1. Christ *comes* to us

- The sycamore tree was an appointed place 1 Chronicles 17:9
- Our expressed need makes us noticeable
- Woman at the well, woman with the blood issue, Jairus
- We must come down from a high point of arrogance and ignorance to receive revelation from God.

2. Christ *calls* us

- Matthew Henry Commentary: "Christ called him by name, Zaccheus, for he knows his chosen by name; are they not in his book? But before he climbed the sycamore-tree Christ saw him, and knew him."
- Nathanael in (John 1:48) asked how did you know me or who told you about what only I was there to know?
- Christ understands our thoughts and are acquainted with all our ways Ps 139:1-3
- He calls us to transform our shape our thinking and actions in His.

3. Christ *commands* us

- Come down and be humble and do the impossible with Him
- Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." (Matt 14:22-36)
- What other benefits can the group identify from accepting the invitation of Christ to do the impossible.

4. Christ *communes* with us

- Here I am, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me (Rev 3:20)
- For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory. (Col 1:27 NLT)
- In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace (Eph 1:7)
- Holy Spirit is in us so the kingdom of God may come through us.
- "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say." Luke 12:11-12