

To Seek and to Save

I. Background Information

v1 Jericho

v7 mutter

v2 tax collector

v10 Son of Man

II. Look at the text (Lk 19:1-10)

1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 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. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "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."

III. Label the text

1. Highlight everything you are told about Zacchaeus.
** what does this info tell you about him??

2. Mark anything else which seems significant.

IV. Reflect on the text

1. In v.8, we seem to be in Zacchaeus' home. What do you think he saw and heard there that caused him to change?

V. Summary

1. Pretend you are Zacchaeus. Write a short entry in your journal reflecting on what has happened to you today. (feelings, thoughts, decisions...)

2. Pretend you are Jesus. Write a short entry in your journal about what happened with Zacchaeus today. (feelings, thoughts.....)

VI. Personal Application

1. You really are one of Jesus' followers -- and you have just had another experience with him. Write a short journal entry about what you are thinking and feeling. (You could also write this as a note to Him.)