

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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## THE ROAD TO EASTER ZACCHAEUS

**Luke 19:1-10 (NLT)**

### **Jesus and Zacchaeus**

*“Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. ‘Zacchaeus!’ he said. ‘Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.’*

*Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. ‘He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,’ they grumbled.*

*Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, ‘I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!’ Jesus responded, ‘Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.’”*

**Matthew 9:10-11 (NLT)** *“Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with such scum?’”*

### **1. What brought about the change in Zacchaeus?**

**Proverbs 13:25 (ESV)** *“The righteous has enough to satisfy his appetite, but the belly of the wicked suffers want.”*

**Proverbs 13:25 (MSG)** *“An appetite for good brings much satisfaction, but the belly of the wicked always wants more.”*

**Luke 5:32 (NLT)** *“I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent.”*

**Romans 3:9-12 (NLT)** *“Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. As the Scriptures say,*

*‘No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one.’”*

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)** *“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”*

### **2. What was the evidence of Zacchaeus’ change?**

**Galatians 2:20 (NLT)** *“My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)** *“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”*

**1 Chronicles 29:14 (NLT)** *“But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!”*

**James 2:14-18 (NLT) Faith without Good Deeds Is Dead**

*“What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, ‘Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well’—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?*

*So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. Now someone may argue, ‘Some people have faith; others have good deeds.’ But I say, ‘How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.’”*

**Matthew 6:24-26 (NLT)** *“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.*

*That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are?”*

**Matthew 6:31-33 (NLT)** *“So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”*

**1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NLT)** *“Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.*

*But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.”*

**Proverbs 11:24-25 (NLT)**

*“Give freely and become more wealthy;  
be stingy and lose everything.  
The generous will prosper;  
those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.»*

**2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NLT)** *“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully,’ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”*