ZACCHAEUS: TREED BY GOD

Zacchaeus was a man who wanted to see Jesus. In order to do so he had to climb up a tree to see over the crowd. One could wonder if God had a hand in this interesting chain of events. Perhaps God would tree a man just like a hunter would tree a fox. God can call people in interesting ways. Since most of his quarry are not too eager to come to him, maybe God has to tree them first.

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector in the region. A large crowd was following Jesus that day, but Zacchaeus was the only one up a tree. As Jesus passed by he saw just what he came to earth to accomplish. Jesus declared his purpose for all to hear: "The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10). One of the lost-ones was singled out for easy viewing. "I'll take THAT one," Jesus said. The faith of Zacchaeus was in its infant stages, but it was enough to get him to climb a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus.

Today, Jesus is passing by. Who might have the same faith as Zacchaeus? How many are willing to step out of the crowd and go to the trouble to climb a tree in order to get a closer look at Jesus? Jesus will pick them out of the crowd and their lives will never be the same forever and ever. Amen.

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Luke 19:1-10

● ZACCHAEUS SAW JESUS

● JESUS SAW ZACCHAEUS

● WE SEE THE GOSPEL

 ▪ We see resistance

 ▪ We see a changed life

 ▪ We see the Gospel