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Luke 19:1-10

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Chiastic Structure of Zaccheus Narrative

- 1 Jesus enters
- 2 Zaccheus
- 3 The Crowd
- 4 Up the tree
- 5 Unexpected love
- 4q Down the tree
- 3q The Crowd
- 2q Zaccheus
- 1q Jesus q final word of love (Kenneth Bailey)

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Like the Blind Man, There Are Obstacles

Luke 19:3, 4 (ESV)

And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.

- The blind man was also wanting to see Jesus
- In Vs 10 Jesus seeks to save the lost
- Small in Stature could imply diminutive status+
- It was shameful for an adult male to climb a tree
- This tree had dense foliage and would hide him

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Jesus Sought Zaccheus

Luke 19:5, 6 (NASB)

When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house. And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly.

- Must is *dei* which denotes divine necessity in Luke/Acts
- Like the blind beggar, Jesus calls him to Himself
- Gladly means with joy or rejoicing+
- Bailey thinks the townspeople saw him first and were mocking Zaccheus,

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They Grumble Against Jesus

Luke 19:7 (NASB)

When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.

- Grumble+ is also found in Luke 5:30 and Luke 15:2
- The same term for grumble+ is found in the LXX of Exodus 16:2
- See also: John 6:41; John 7:12; John 6:61

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Zaccheus Shows Fruits of Repentance

Luke 19:8 (ESV)

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold

- See Luke 3:12, 13
- Fruits of repentance: Luke 3:8

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Zaccheus Receives Messianic Salvation

Luke 19:9, 10 (NASB)

And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

- Another person of low status finds salvation
- It is God who seeks to save the lost: Ezekiel 34:11, 12; Luke 15:4-32
- Son of Abraham+ means of the qualities of Abraham+
- Today+ is often linked to the day of salvation: Heb. 4:7; and see Luke 19:5; Luke 23:43

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