

# *The Gospel of Luke*

## *Lesson 34: Luke 19:1-27*

Stone upon stone, brick by brick, the people erected an impenetrable double wall to protect themselves from those who meant their harm. The greater it became, the taller it stood, the higher it reached, the more secure they felt. But they would soon learn their wall was no match for the sound of His voice.

To the people, his heart seemed as impenetrable as the walls of the ancient city (Joshua 6), but Jesus knew his walls would fall just as easily. If Zacchaeus would come down from his high and protected place, Christ's words would break the barriers he had constructed from a lifetime of hurts and failed expectations until they laid crumbled upon the ground.

*Read Luke 19:1-10.*

1. In Judaism, names were given with hope that they would reflect one's character. Zacchaeus means pure. How does his profession contradict his name? (v.2)
2. In addition, we are told that Zacchaeus was a man of short stature (v.3). Define stature. How might this have contributed to his career choice? What was he trying to prove?
3. How was a tax collector viewed by the public? How did Zacchaeus gain his wealth?
4. It is likely that Matthew's conversion (Luke 5:27-32) contributed to Zacchaeus' curiosity. What measures was he willing to take to see Jesus himself?





17. How did the wicked servant justify his unfaithfulness, neglect of duty, and fruitlessness? (v.21)

18. *Austere* means severe or rigorous; demanding strict attention to rules and procedures. How should the servant's beliefs about his Master have affected his actions?

As if to say, "You will have what is yours anyway, so why do I need to do anything?"  
How is the servant's attitude reflected in many Christians today?

19. Reread verses 24-26. What do these verses reveal about responsibility and opportunity, unreliability and loss?

How ought this to order our stewardship?

"In the Christian life we do not stand still. We use our gifts and make progress or we lose what we have" (Morris).