

Zacchaeus

Face to Face | Week 3

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Luke 19:1-10

The theme of the gospel of Luke: *Jesus came to seek and save the lost.*

Examples:

- Lost Sheep – Luke 15:4
- Lost Coin – Luke 15:8
- Lost Son – Luke 15:11
- Pharisees who think they are found but are lost
- Sinners who know they are lost

Tax collectors worked for Rome, the occupying empire.

They were seen as:

- Traitors
- Collaborators with the enemy
- Extortionists
- Robbers

“Chief” Tax Collector - ἀρχιτελώνης (architelōnēs)

Zacchaeus was not just a tax collector.

He was the chief tax collector for that region.

The Meaning of “Zacchaeus”

Comes from the Hebrew Name: Zakkay (זַכַּי) – Pure, Innocent, or Righteous One

In Luke’s gospel, the word “**must**” (or “it is necessary”) often refers to God’s mission or divine necessity. [See 2:49; 4:43; 9:22; 13:33; 17:25]

Zacchaeus’ repentance is **visible** and **costly**.

- He gives half his wealth to the poor
- Repays four times what he stole/defrauded

The Rich Young Ruler vs. Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus:

