

The Gospel Applied

Luke 19:1-10

Introduction: The episode of Zacchaeus shows us the effect that the gospel will have on our lives. Here we see the Lord take a man that was unknown and create him to be a person who reached his potential in the Kingdom of God.

I. He Saw Me

We judge by outward appearance, by occupation: God does not
By race, gender, social status, beauty (1 Samuel 16:7)

God prepared the field before we plant the seed
He planted the sycamore years before Jesus was there
Discussion of the providence of God, Gen. 50:20, Esther 4:14

1. It's not always seen at the time
2. God accomplishes his will, Galatians 4:4

II. He Welcomed Me

Jesus already knew his name
Jeremiah 1:5, Isaiah 49:16 (even the bad stuff, Romans 5:8)

He fellowshiped with him
The loneliness of mankind (Psalm 23:4)
He went to the house of a publican, Luke 19:7

The joy of knowing Christ
Philippians 4:4, John 10:10, Luke 15 (joy of the father)

III. He Changed Me

Jesus is a man of touch and concern
The lepers, women, the crowds, the cross

Salvation has come to this house
This is more important than anything else!!!
Luke 19:10 Son of man has come to seek and save the lost

The change in his life
Half to the poor, repentance (compare to rich, young ruler)
This man is also a son of Abraham