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Reading: Luke 19:1-10

The Son of God came from heaven to live on earth. He came with the purpose that He might “[seek and save that which was lost](#)”.

As recorded in the passage we read, as Jesus journeyed into Jericho. “[He steadfastly set His face](#)” (Luke 9:51). He met two men, Zacchaeus and Bartimaeus. Both men had a need and both these needs were met by Jesus.

As a tax collector Zacchaeus took from the people more than they were due, he became rich but was lonely and shunned. He became curious about the commotion as Jesus passed by. As Jesus passed Zacchaeus He called him by name. Nothing is not known to God, “[all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do](#)” (Heb 4:13).

Jesus asked Zacchaeus to come down, not only from the physical tree that he had climbed into to see but also from the tower of pride that he had built up.

“[Today if ye will hear His voice harden not your hearts](#)” (Heb 3:7,8). We are not promised tomorrow. “[We must needs die](#)” (2 Samuel 14:14) and to enter heaven “[Ye must be born again](#)” (John 3:7). Jesus was not saying today if you feel like it, it was a divine command.

Jesus had a private interview with Zacchaeus. We know not what was said but we know the result. He saw that he had a need before God and did something about it.