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Reading: Luke 19:1-10

This is the story of Zacchaeus. He lived on Jericho.

It was the first place that the children of Israel came to. Had to get past Jericho. Walls fell down because walked round. Place cursed by God.

In days of Ahab Jericho was rebuilt and he lost his sons as curse had said. God doesn't forget even when we do.

Jesus only came to Jericho once, Zacchaeus made most of opportunity.

What is your reaction to the Lord Jesus Christ? Accept or reject.

One of the last places the Lord Jesus visited, opportunity was limited and uncertain.

Tonight opportunity to accept the Lord Jesus as Saviour.

Problem he had. He was small and couldn't see.

We all have the problem of sin. What is sin? All the bad we do, everything God hates.

Where did it originate? Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve had all with only 1 command. Don't eat of 1 tree out of thousands. Eve said, "[The serpent beguiled me and I did eat](#)" (Gen 3:13).

["For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous"](#) (Romans 5:19)

["For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"](#) (Romans 3:23)

He wanted to see Jesus. As Nicodemus said, "[Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him](#)" (John 3:2)

Mary Jones wanted a Bible so much she travelled 50 miles barefoot till she got one.

What would you do to have sin forgiven?

God has provided a remedy – don't work, don't pay, pray.

["Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved"](#) (Acts 16:31)

Faith is a difficult thing to do.

When climbing cliff faces climbers have faith in a bit of metal to hold them.

The Lord Jesus Christ had never met Zacchaeus before but He looked up and said "[Zacchaeus come down](#)".

The Lord Jesus Christ knows your name, address, Date of Birth, hairs on your head, IQ

He knows everything about you, including the sins in your heart.

When you ask for forgiveness He forgives all for he knows all.

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10) not to journey through Palestine, He came and went to the cross.

Do you know about the cross? It is the place where the Lord Jesus died, not for His own sins for He had none but for the sins of the world.