

The Conversion of Zacchaeus: The Meaning of Conversion Luke 19:01–10

1 *Zacchaeus,
the chief tax-collector
— a man who was very rich*

2 *First,
being desperate to see Jesus:
Who He is*

- a. He was thrust back
- b. He persisted

3 *Second,
receiving the invitation of Jesus*

- a. Jesus saw him
- b. Jesus called him by name
- c. Jesus asked to be received
- d. Zacchaeus obeyed

4 *Third,
repenting, that is,
changing one's whole way of life*

- a. He was a sinner
- b. He repented,
changed his life

5 *Fourth,
looking to Jesus as the Saviour*

- a. The One
who proclaims salvation
- b. The One
who seeks and saves the lost

1 Jesus entered Jericho
and was passing through.

2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus;
he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

3 He wanted to see who Jesus was,
but being a short man he could not,
because of the crowd.

4 So he ran ahead
and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him,
since Jesus was coming that way.

5 When Jesus reached the spot,
he looked up
and said to him, "Zacchaeus,
come down immediately.
I must stay at your house today."

6 So he came down at once
and welcomed him gladly.

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter,
"He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'"

8 But Zacchaeus stood up
and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord!
Here and now
I give half of my possessions to the poor,
and if I have cheated anybody out of anything,
I will pay back four times the amount."

9 Jesus said to him,
"Today salvation has come to this house,
because this man, too,
is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of Man came
to seek and to save what was lost."