

Today:
April 12, 2015

Scripture Focus: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷ But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

⁹ Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

(Luke 19:1-10, New Living Translation)

Notes from Worship:

How did God catch your attention? To what is God calling you this week?

Questions for Discussion:

- Why exactly were the bystanders unhappy that Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus' house?
- What does "salvation" mean, as Jesus uses the term in this story? How does that concur or contrast with how you usually define "salvation"?
- Have you ever acted as desparately, as recklessly or as extravagantly as Zacchaeus did here?

This Week: **April 13-18**

Scripture Readings:

Monday 4/13	Tuesday 4/14	Wednesday 4/15	Thursday 4/16	Friday 4/17	Saturday 4/18
Jeremiah 17-20	Jeremiah 21-24	Jeremiah 25-28	Jeremiah 29-32	Jeremiah 33-37	Jeremiah 38-40 Psalms 74, 79

Questions for Reflection:

These questions are meant to help get you thinking about the readings for each day. Feel free to also use this space to jot down other questions and insights gleaned from your reading.

Monday

What is significant about the images of a potter and a clay jar (Jeremiah 18-19)?

Tuesday

God promises to raise up a righteous branch (Jeremiah 23:5)?

What does this mean? Why is it important?

Wednesday

Why would the people be in exile for seventy years (Jeremiah 25)? What is significant about the number seventy?

Thursday

What parts of these chapters do you find especially hopeful? Why?

How does Jesus fulfill God's promise to make a new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31)?

Friday

What new things did you learn in these chapters?

Saturday

How do these Psalms fit with the story and message of Jeremiah?

Taking Scripture to Heart:

As we continue focusing on the life and teachings of Jesus, our memory text is **Philippians 2:5-11**. Let these verses dwell within you, to help you focus on Jesus Christ, the center of our faith.

Next Sunday: April 19, 2015

Theme: Church: a new missional creation

Scripture Focus: Acts 10:1—11:18; Acts 15