

Standing with Our 4 AM Father
Luke 19:1-10

Have you ever lost anyone or anything very precious to you and you were willing to do _____ to get them back? Remembering that will help you better understand Luke 19:1-10.

Usually, the lesson we draw from the story of Zacchaeus is that he was a _____ guy who became a _____ guy and righted all the wrongs he had committed _____ he accepted Jesus as his Savior. Something like that happened, but Luke is making a different point. Notice that Jesus doesn't say, "Today salvation has come to this house, so this man has _____ become a son of Abraham." He says that Zacchaeus _____ a son of Abraham who had become lost, and that's why salvation came to his house.

Two words help us get Luke's point. First, Jesus said, "I must..." The word "must" in the Bible means something is necessary because _____. Jesus didn't just need a place to rest up and have lunch. He HAD to go to his house because it was an obligation placed upon Him by the _____. The second word is "salvation." The name *Jesus* literally means "Yahweh is _____" or simply "Salvation." Luke wants us to see that Salvation came to the house because the _____ arrived to do the work of seeking and saving. He did so because Zacchaeus was a son of Abraham, a _____ of _____ who needed to be found.

It is easy for us to look at the disruptive, difficult, and even evil things that people do, and consider those people to be inconvenient, annoying, even _____ to our well-being who must be _____ or _____. Is that how do you see the broken world around you? Do you view them like the people in the story who began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." Or do you consider every person like a lost child that needs to _____?

Zacchaeus' story is here to encourage us to _____ our Heavenly Father at the window of heaven, see His love for the world, and sense the _____ He feels for His creation, His children who are lost and so desperately need to come home.