

Title: A View from the Top

Text: Luke 19:1-10

Target: Grace always climbs higher.

1. **A Tax Collector that's Rich:** *"And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich."* (Vs. 2)
 - a. **Unwanted:** Served the Roman Empire
 - b. **Unclean:** Association with the Gentiles

2. **A Sycamore Tree that Lifts:** *"And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature."* (Vs. 3)
 - a. **The Crowd:** *"On account"*
 - b. **His Curiosity:** *"ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him"* (Vs. 4)
 - c. **Jesus' Compassion:** *"Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."* (Vs. 5)

3. **A Table that Knits:** *"So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."* (Vs. 6-7)

4. **A Testimony that Shifts:** *"And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold."* (Vs. 8)
 - a. **Repentance:** *"stood" and "said to the Lord"*
 - b. **Restitution:** *"I restore it fourfold"*
 - c. **Recognition:** *"salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham."* (Vs. 9)

5. **A Title that Fits:** *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."* (Vs. 10)

Takeaway: One moment with Jesus can rewrite your whole story.