

2. When we are dissatisfied with ourselves, what should we know about Jesus?

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3. In Luke 12:6-7, what quality do we learn about God?

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4. Why did Jesus develop a relationship with people who were unaccepted by religious leaders?

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5. Read Isaiah 49:15-16. What proclamation does God make, and what does it mean for Jesus to know someone?

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6. What did the crowd object to in Luke 19:7? Are there contemporary examples of the complaints the crowd offered?

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7. In Luke 19:10, Jesus explains why He is having dinner with Zacchaeus. Who are the lost, and why are they lost?

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8. How could affirmation from Jesus or affirming others in Jesus' name make a difference in their life?

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# sermon notes

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SERMON SERIES: DINNER WITH JESUS

TODAY'S SERMON: YOU ARE VALUABLE TO GOD!

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 19:1-10 (NEW KING JAMES VERSION)

## FOUR FALSE WAYS WE EVALUATE OUR WORTH

1. By our appearance
2. By our affluence
3. By our achievement
4. By our approval

Read Luke 19:1-10.

### 1 Zacchaeus doesn't like his appearance.

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And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

Luke 19:3 (NKJV)

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So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him,

Luke 19:4-5a (NKJV)

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"Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke 12:6-7 (NKJV)  
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## 2 Zacchaeus isn't liked by anyone else.

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and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

Luke 19:5b (NKJV)  
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"Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
And not have compassion on the son of her womb?  
Surely they may forget,  
Yet I will not forget you.  
See, I have inscribed you on the palms *of My hands*;  
Your walls *are* continually before Me.

Isaiah 49:15-16 (NKJV)  
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Jesus notices me.

Jesus knows me.

The name Zacchaeus means, "pure one."

## 3 Zacchaeus is wanted by Jesus.

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and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

Luke 19:5b (NKJV)  
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Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Revelation 3:20 (NKJV)  
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## 4 Jesus affirmed Zacchaeus.

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But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

Luke 19:7 (NKJV)  
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And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 19:9-10 (NKJV)  
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**Question:** How should I respond to Jesus?

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So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

Luke 19:6 (NKJV)  
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**The Result:** Zacchaeus made a public demonstration of change.

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Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

Luke 19:8 (NKJV)  
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And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come..."

Luke 19:9a (NKJV)  
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# study notes

*Our insecurity ultimately comes from sin—falling short of God's standards. The only way for overcoming our insecurities is by focusing on how God perceives us.*

1. What characteristic of Zacchaeus does Luke 19:3-5 point out?

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