

## ALIGNING WITH JESUS IN EVANGELISM

*Luke 19:1-10*

Jesus promised, "I will build My church." As members of His church, our job is to \_\_\_\_\_ our service with Him. Zacchaeus was chief tax collector in 1 of 3 tax regions in Palestine for the Romans and regarded as a \_\_\_\_\_. Zacchaeus was rich: Luke made this statement in the context of what Jesus said to the rich, young \_\_\_\_\_.

### I. EVANGELISM TAKES ADVANTAGE OF \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. Zacchaeus' Curiosity

- 1) "And he sought to see who Jesus was" (v.3) = he wanted to see what kind of \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was
- 2) We can also use curiosity in evangelism: often the best gospel seed is not an answer but a \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. Zacchaeus' Conviction

- 1) Zacchaeus worked on \_\_\_\_\_; there is little doubt he over-collected taxes from his neighbors
- 2) Zacchaeus no doubt faced elbows and kicks in the crowd; he even climbed a \_\_\_\_\_ like a child!
- 3) His actions indicate that God was already at work in his life: it was the \_\_\_\_\_ of his curiosity
- 4) Zacchaeus appeared just as anyone else: we cannot tell by \_\_\_\_\_ if God is at work in a heart

### II. EVANGELISM TAKES THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO SEEK THE LOST

#### A. Jesus Spoke \_\_\_\_\_ to Zacchaeus

- 1) Zacchaeus was \_\_\_\_\_ but he did not take the initiative to come to Jesus; rather Jesus spoke first
- 2) Like Jesus we must often take the \_\_\_\_\_ to open a gospel conversation if others are to be saved

#### B. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Zacchaeus

- 1) Jesus called Zacchaeus by name; He knew about him by \_\_\_\_\_ means, like Nathanael
- 2) We must take time to get to know those we would win; it will help us to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel

#### C. Jesus Interrupted His \_\_\_\_\_ for Zacchaeus

- 1) Jesus was less than 2 weeks from the Cross and for the first time seemed to be in a \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Yet He put aside His ultimate mission—the salvation of all men—to seek the salvation of \_\_\_\_\_ man

#### D. Jesus Made \_\_\_\_\_ upon Zacchaeus

- 1) Like a king with one of his subjects, Jesus requisitioned Zacchaeus' \_\_\_\_\_ on his journey
- 2) We are often afraid to lay the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ before people; we think it will drive them away
- 3) But it was in response to these demands that Zacchaeus gave the \_\_\_\_\_ indication of spiritual life

### III. EVANGELISM OFFERS ASSURANCE BASED ON \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. The Meaning of Zacchaeus' Confession (19:8)

- 1) What the rich young ruler was NOT willing to do, Zacchaeus WAS: he gave away \_\_\_\_\_ his goods
- 2) With the other half, he made \_\_\_\_\_ at 400% as if he had been convicted of theft in court
- 3) Zacchaeus made this confession \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore Jesus publicly acknowledged him as well

#### B. The Meaning of Jesus' Confession (19:9)

- 1) Jesus declared that Zacchaeus was not just ethnically a child of Abraham but \_\_\_\_\_ as well
- 2) But Jesus did not offer this assurance of Zacchaeus' salvation until there was \_\_\_\_\_