

Series: Meals with Jesus
Title: Keeping the Change
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Read Luke 18:31-3 and 19:1-10

1. Bartimaeus was blind and Zacchaeus was a "wee little man." Are there people we might have biases against because of their disability, shape or size? How do we get past these to see someone's true worth?
2. The Jewish Talmud sanctioned lying to murderers, thieves and...tax collectors. With that look at Luke 18:9-14. What's the deal then with Jesus and tax-collectors? Why would Jesus disdain the murmurs in the crowd to dine with the *chief* tax collector of Jericho?
3. What's does the name Zacchaeus mean? What's the ironic beauty behind Jesus calling him by his name? Any guesses on how Jesus might have known his name?
4. From what the text says, why do you think Zacchaeus went to such efforts to see Jesus?
____ Entertainment value
____ Curiosity
____ Unspoken hope
____ Other
5. You're Zacchaeus; how would having Jesus' over to your house change your status? See verse 9.
6. What can we learn from Jesus' model of reaching out to Zacchaeus?
7. We've not been told the full story nor do we need to know it all, yet... do you suppose that Zacchaeus gave some of his funds to the obvious poor Bartimaeus? How would that kind of new community impact Jericho?
8. How is Zacchaeus' story, ours?
9. What's do we learn about grace and the order of grace in our lives from this story? Why is that important? See also Romans 2:4 and Romans 5:8. Is grace opposed to repentance and effort?
10. Why is it that white collar criminal (Zacchaeus) in Luke 19 gets salvation, and a rule keeper (the rich young ruler) in Luke 18:18-27, doesn't? To think this through, contrast the way they approached Jesus, how they saw themselves.
11. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. How do we get and keep that drive alive in us?