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Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus

1 Jesus was going through the city of Jericho. 2 In Jericho there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a very important, rich tax collector. 3 He wanted to see Jesus, but there were also many other people, and Zacchaeus was too short to see over them.

4 So, he ran ahead to a place where he knew Jesus would pass. Then he climbed a sycamore-fig tree, so that he could see Jesus. 5 When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up. Jesus said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry! Come down! I must stay at your house today!"

6 Then Zacchaeus came down quickly. He was so happy to welcome Jesus to his house. 7 All of the people saw this. They began to complain, saying, "Look at the type of person Jesus stays with. Zacchaeus is a sinner!"