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I want to preach today on one of the most familiar stories in the Bible.
THE STORY OF THE CONVERSION OF ZACCHAEUS

Luke 19:

- 1 And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.**
- 2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus,**
which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.
- 3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press,**
because he was little of stature.
- 4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him:**
for he was to pass that way.
- 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him,**
and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down;
for to day I must abide at thy house.
- 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.**
- 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured,**
saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.
- 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord;**
Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor;
and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation,
I restore him fourfold.
- 9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house,**
forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.
- 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**

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- 1 And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.**

A BIG OCCASION - the Presence of Jesus is a Big Deal.

A BRIEF OPPORTUNITY – To Get to Know Jesus.

- 2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus,**
which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

A BAD OPERATOR – Nobody liked him.

- 3 **And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.**

A BIG OBSTACLE

- 4 **And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.**

A BOLD OPERATION

**Zacchaeus understood
that you to position yourself
when opportunity presents itself.**

This had made him rich.

Today it would make him saved.

- 5 **And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.**

A BLESSED OFFER

**Jesus saw this fellow run to position himself.
Jesus reacted to this.**

- 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

A BRAVE OBEDIENCE
A BELIEVER OVERJOYED

HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF
THE BRIEF OPPORTUNITY

- 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured,
saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

A BIG OPPOSITION
A BIG OBJECTION

- 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord;
Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor;
and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation,
I restore him fourfold.

A BOLD OUTPOURING

- 9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house,
forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

A BEGINNING ONGOING

- 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

A BIG OUTREACH

LET'S REVIEW SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MESSAGE

We have seen ...

A BIG OCCASION - Jesus was present.

A BRIEF OPPORTUNITY – To Get to Know Jesus.

A BAD OPERATOR – He felt like nobody liked him.

A BIG OBSTACLE – the crowd between him and Christ.

A BOLD OPERATION - Zacchaeus positioned himself
when opportunity presented itself.

A BLESSED OFFER – Jesus said, “I’d like to go home with you.”

A BRAVE OBEDIENCE - 6 And he made haste, and came down,

A BELIEVER OVERJOYED - and received him joyfully.

A BOLD OUTPOURING - 8 And Zacchaeus stood, ...

We end with

A BEGINNING ONGOING

9 This day is salvation come to this house,

I love it when our services
end with a beginning ...

Someone is born again,
Starts a new life

that will be ongoing into eternity.

And last,

A BIG OUTREACH

10 For the Son of man is come
to seek and to save that which was lost.

The songwriter said, “Reach out to Jesus,
He’s reaching out to you.

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