

Oh, How He Loves You

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SERMON NOTES

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Luke 19:1-10

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1 John 4:7-8 (NLT)

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love for you has nothing to do with you (how good or bad you are). God simply loves you because of who He is.

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Luke 19:1-10 (NLT)

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town.

² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich.

³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd.

⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.

⁷ But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

⁹ Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham.

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Two things Zacchaeus did that totally changed his life

1. Zacchaeus realized that something was missing in his life!

Mark 8:36-37 (NLT)

"And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? ³⁷Is anything worth more than your soul?"

Luke 12:15-21 (NLT)

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." ¹⁶ Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. ¹⁷ He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. ¹⁹ And I'll sit back and say to myself, 'My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!'"

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'" ²¹ Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

2. Zacchaeus sought out Jesus!

Verses 3-4

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