

Luke 19:1-2 (NLT)

- ¹ 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.

Luke 19:3-23 (NLT)

- 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."

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- 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!"

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- 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."
- 11 The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusalem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away.

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- 12 He said, "A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return.
- 13 Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, 'Invest this for me while I am gone.'

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- ¹⁴ But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want him to be our king.'
- ¹⁵ "After he was crowned king, he returned and called in the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to find out what their profits were.

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- 16 The first servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made ten times the original amount!'
- 17 "'Well done!' the king exclaimed. 'You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.'

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- 18 "The next servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.'
- 19 "'Well done!' the king said. 'You will be governor over five cities.'

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- 20 "But the third servant brought back only the original amount of money and said, 'Master, I hid your money and kept it safe.'
- 21 I was afraid because you are a hard man to deal with, taking what isn't yours and harvesting crops you didn't plant.'

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- 22 "'You wicked servant!' the king roared. 'Your own words condemn you. If you knew that I'm a hard man who takes what isn't mine and harvests crops I didn't plant,
- 23 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'

Job 11:6 (NIV)

⁶ and disclose to you the secrets of wisdom,
for true wisdom has two sides...

Psalm 105:37

³⁷ He also brought them out with silver and gold,
And there was none feeble among His tribes.

Deuteronomy 8:18

¹⁸ "And you shall remember the Lord your God, for **it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant** which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.