

(39) Interview with Zaccheus (Lk. 19:1-10)

1. The events of this episode and the next overlap with the previous episode (Lk. 19:1,5,11 cf. Mt. 20:29; Mk. 10:46).
2. Ζακχαῖος Zakchaios ^{#2195}_{3x} fr. זַכַּי zakkay ^{#2140}_{2x}; *pure*. Later church tradition makes him the first bishop of Caesarea.
 - a. Rich. πλούσιος plousios ^{#4145}_{28x}. In contrast with Dives (Lk. 16:19,21,22) and the rich young ruler (Lk. 18:23,25), this episode features a faith response.
 - b. Short. τῆ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. Small in stature. ἡλικία hēlikia ^{#2244}_{8x} (Mt. 6:27; Lk. 2:52; 12:25; 19:3; Jn. 9:21,23; Eph. 4:13; Heb. 11:11) + μικρός mikros ^{#3397 & 3398}_{46x}.
 - c. Ruling tax collector. ἀρχιτελώνης architelōnēs ^{#754}_{Hap.}. Distinct from Matthew's role (τελώνης telōnēs ^{#5057}_{21x}).
3. Zaccheus desired to see "who Jesus was" (Lk. 19:3). Previous information led to the desire for present identification.
4. Jesus called Zaccheus by name in a testimony to His prophetic office (Lk. 19:5; Jn. 1:45-50; cf. 1st Sam. 9:15-17).
5. "They" grumbled over Jesus going to a sinner's house (Lk. 5:30-32; 7:34-35; 15:2; 19:6-7). Tax collectors & sinners were outcasts by Pharisee & Sadducee reasoning.
6. Zaccheus made a public display of repentance—not for salvation—but in anticipation of the coming Kingdom (Lk. 19:8 cf. 3:7-14). Eschatology motivates Peripatology (2nd Pet. 3:11-18).
7. Jesus acknowledges Zaccheus' faith and testifies to His ongoing mission (Lk. 19:9-10).