



Time Well Spent

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Luke 19:1-10

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"Though Zaccheus was a renegade in the eyes of the Jews, he was a precious, lost sinner in the eyes of Jesus"

Jesus is coming, and Zaccheus comes running.

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"What is keeping you from running after Jesus"?

"Nothing is too horrible or dangerous for Jesus. He can handle the worst of the worst. And the darkness doesn't stand a chance."

Run to Jesus

Zaccheus is seen

Luke 19:5-6

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There is no past so bad that Jesus can't heal and restore.

Once small, now big

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Luke 5:27-32

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in[a] Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here!

You are precious in the sight of Jesus. You are seen, you are known, and you are loved.

New Perspective

Luke 19:9-10

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Who do you need to see with a new perspective?

This could be the day your life changes forever.

You are loved and valued by Jesus.

It's never too late to fix your eyes on Jesus.

Repenting from sin and running toward Jesus will be the best decision of your life.

Your life will look different.