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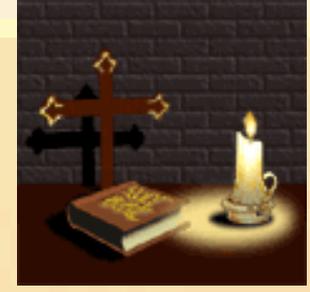
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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

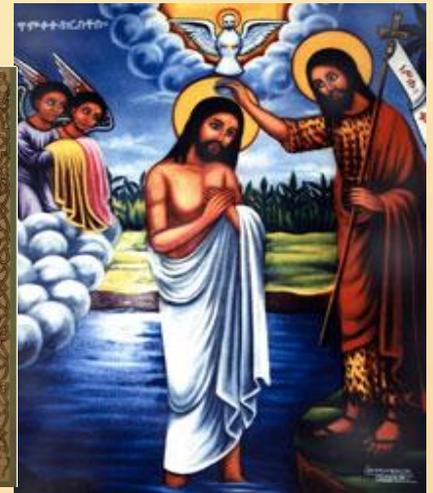
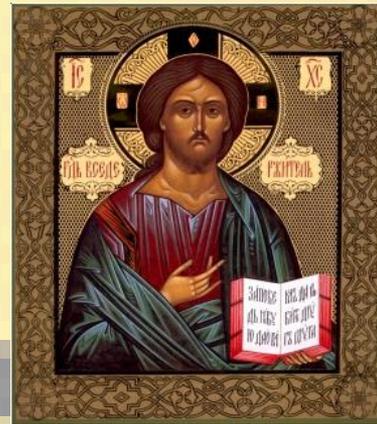
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**

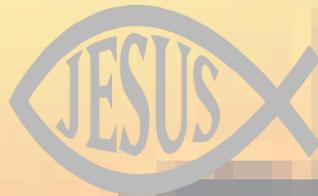


MEMORY VERSE

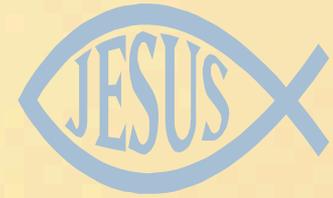
**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Recite Last week's memory verse

“A cloud received Him out of their sight”.
(Acts 1:9)



Review



Who ascended to the heaven?

What does ascension mean?

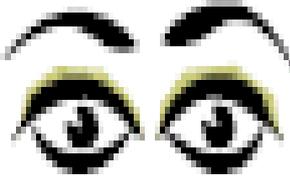
How many days did Jesus spend with the disciples after Easter?

What was Jesus doing when He ascended?

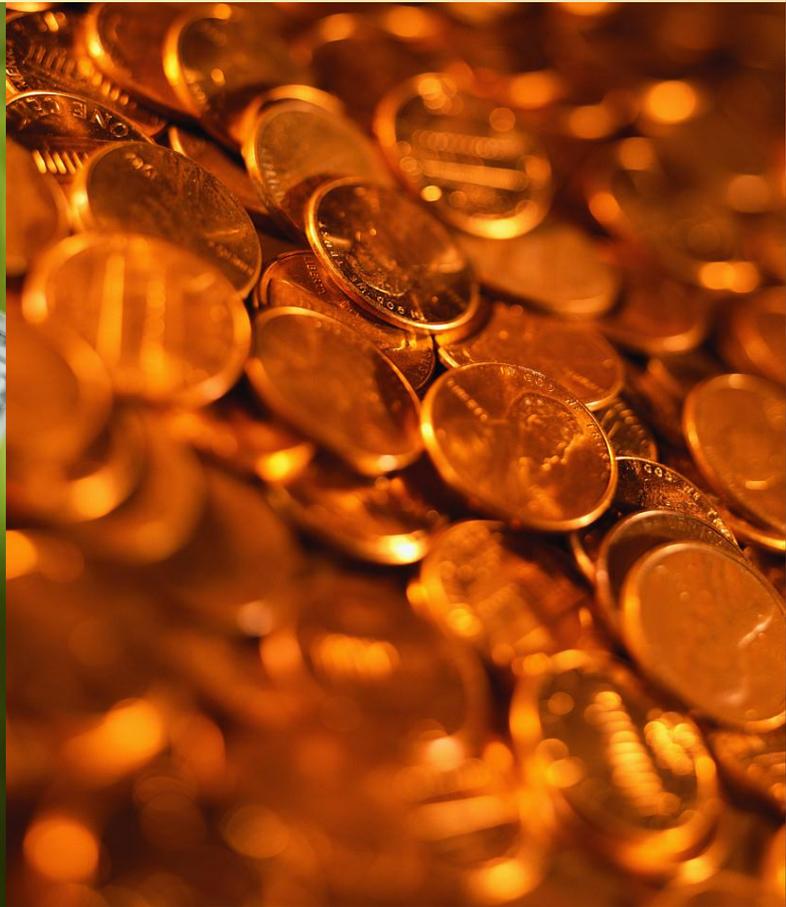
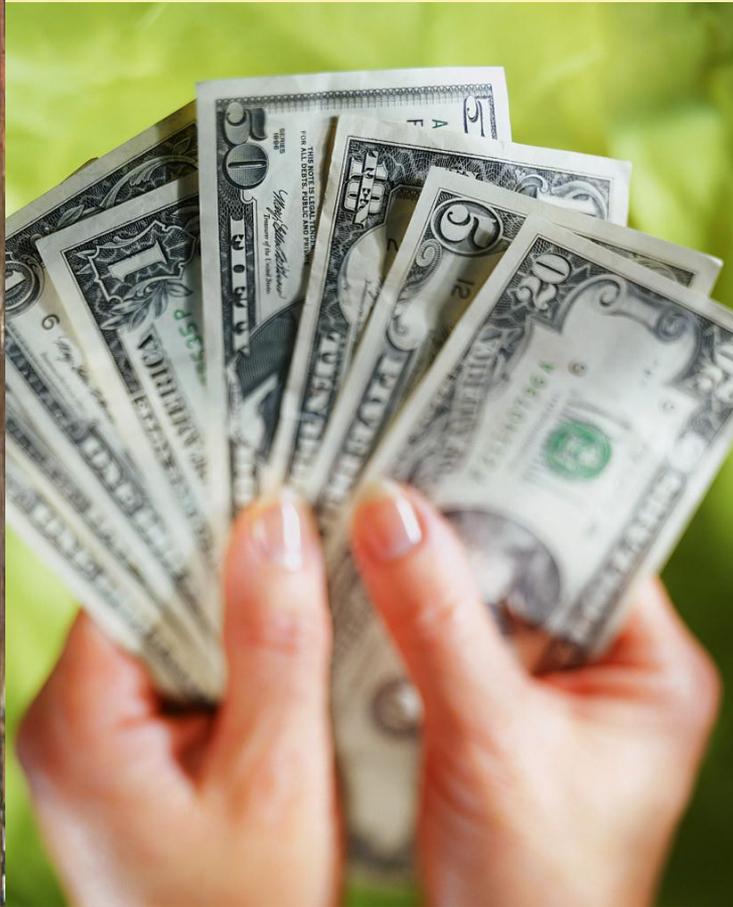
How many angels appeared to the disciples?

What did the angels tell the disciples?

Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

Zacchaous: The Tax Collector



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Memorize today's Verse

“Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house.”

Luke 19:9

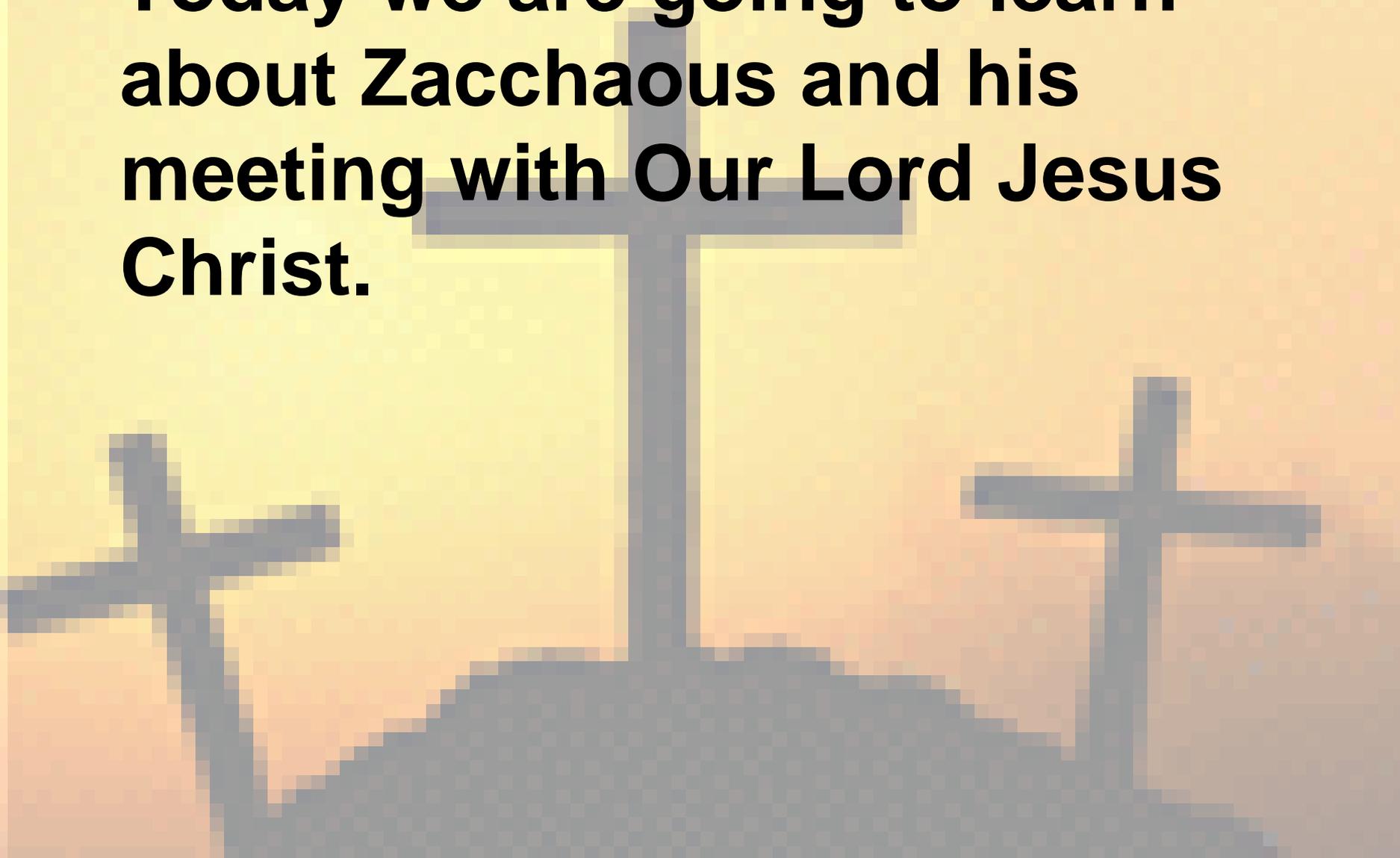


**Practice this verse
again during the
week.**



Introduction

- **Today we are going to learn about Zacchaous and his meeting with Our Lord Jesus Christ.**



There once was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a tax collector who was very short. He was a greedy man who loved money very much.

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

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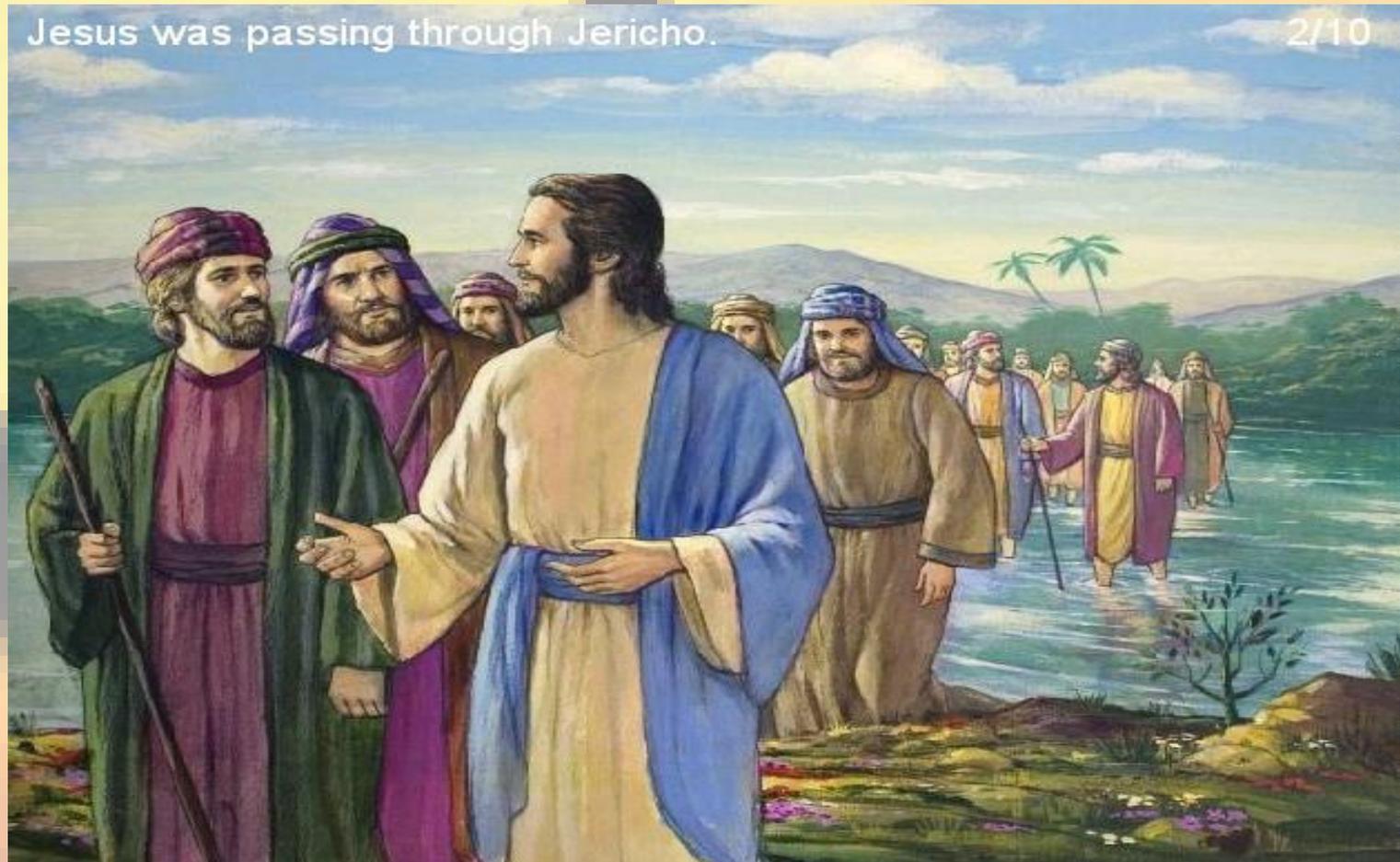


- He didn't have very many friends because he was so selfish and kept all the money for himself.
- But even though he was a greedy man, there was one thing that Zacchaeus wanted more than anything.

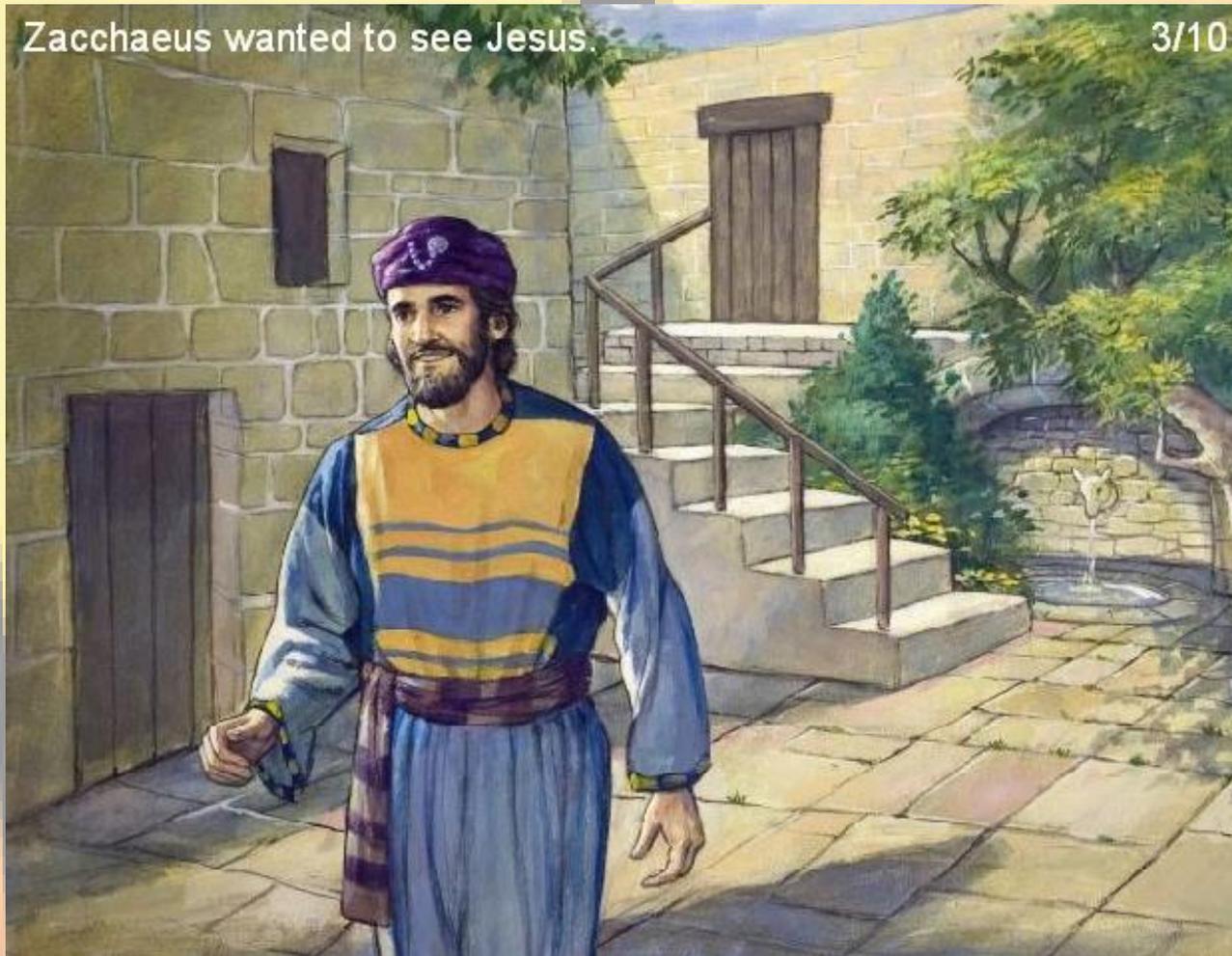
• ***TO SEE Our Lord JESUS!!***



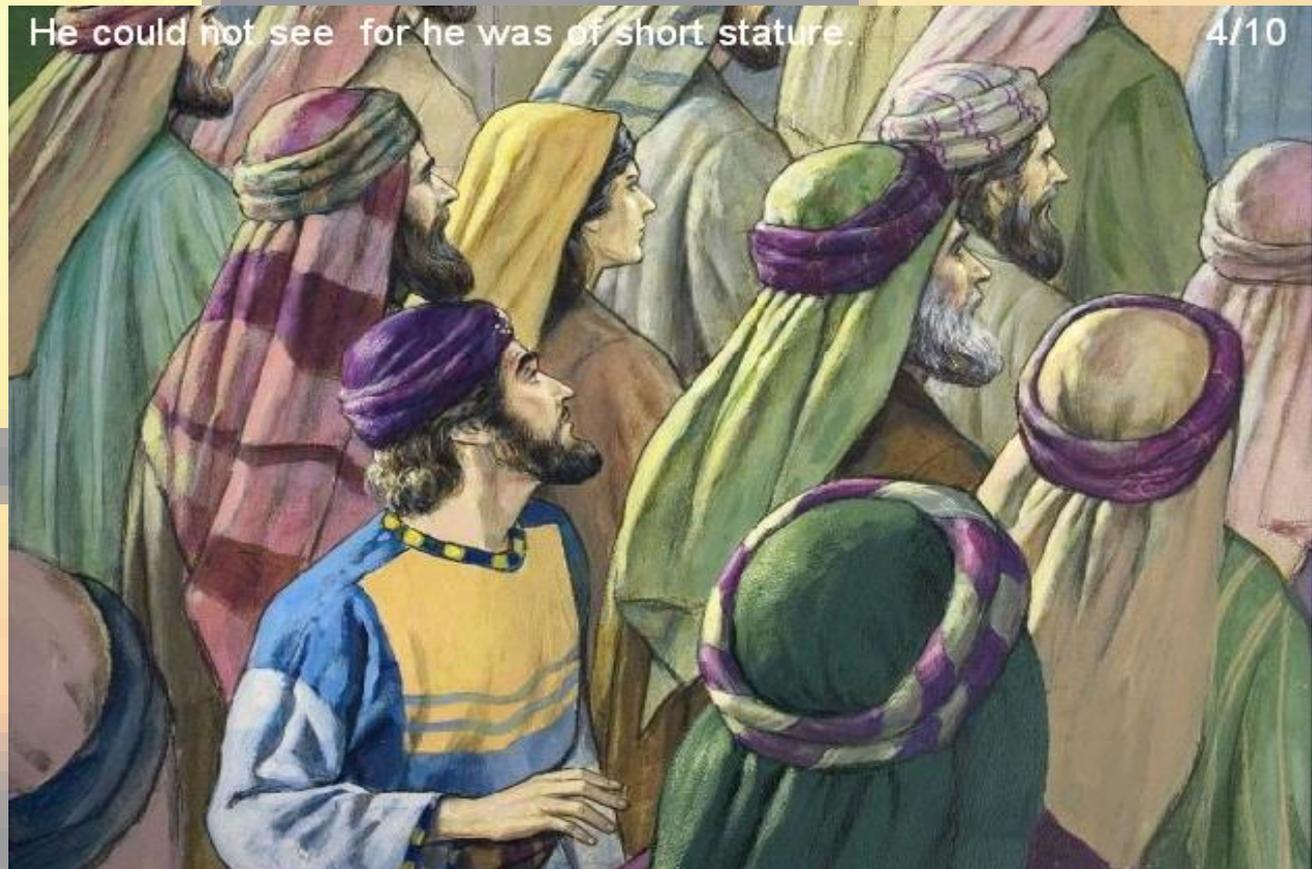
- He heard rumors that Jesus was coming into the city in which he lived. Our lord was passing through the city of Jericho.



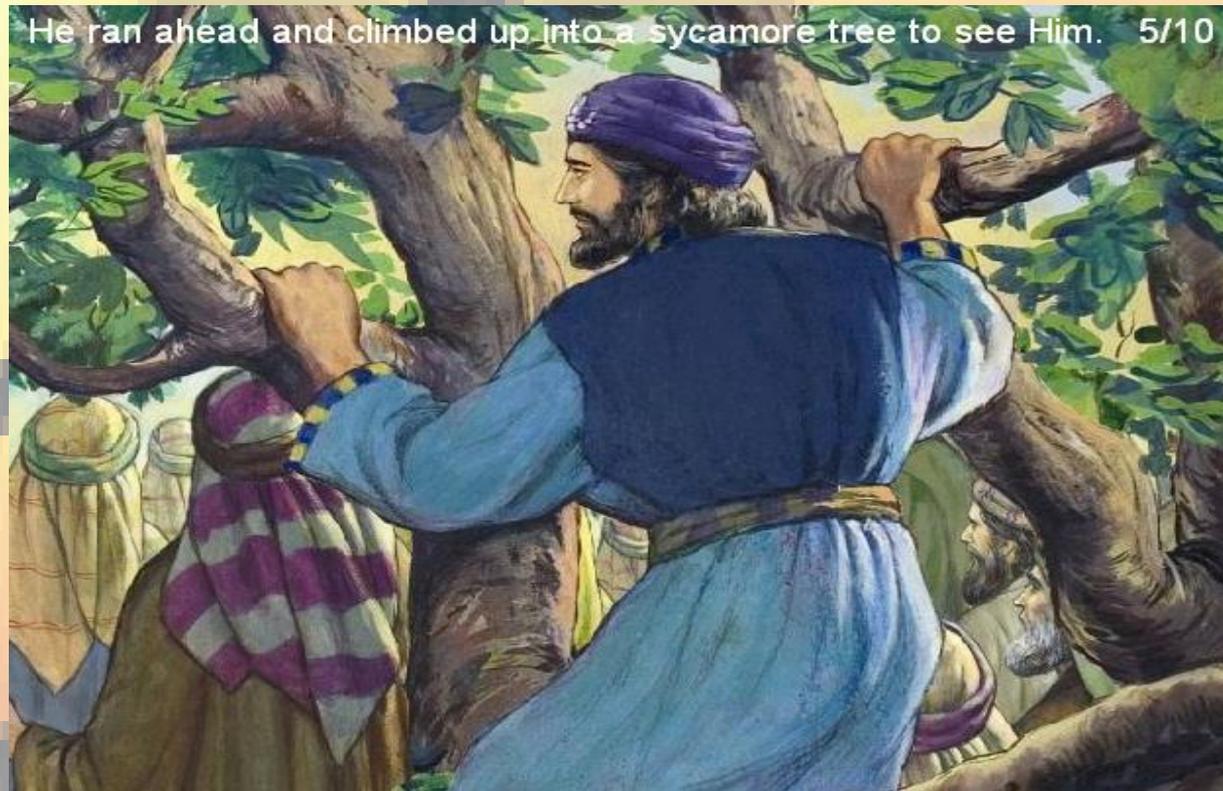
- So he left his house immediately to go and try to see Him.



- When he went outside, all he could see was crowds and crowds of people and could not see Jesus anywhere. Remember, Zacchaeus was a short man and so it was very hard for him to see over everyone's head.



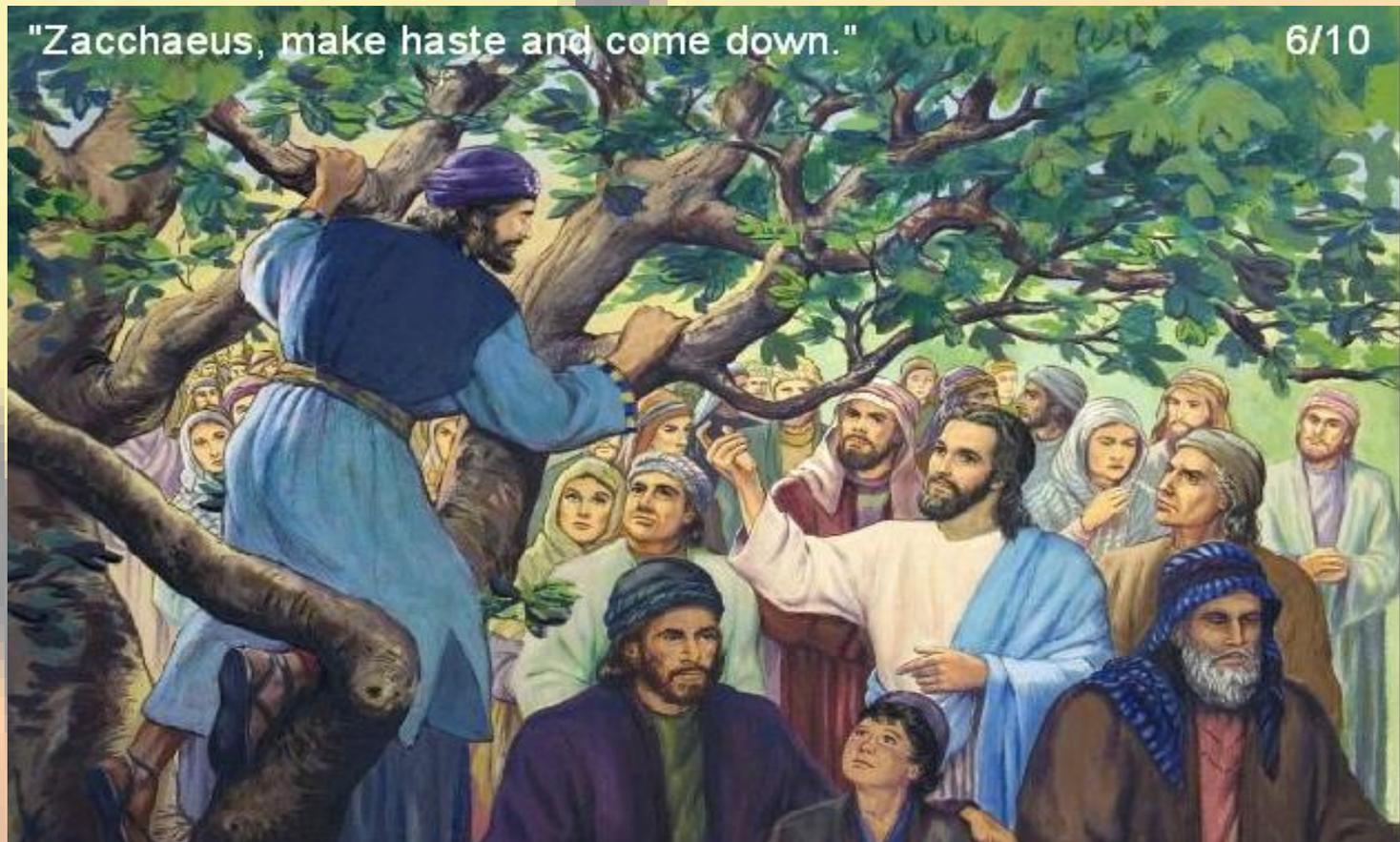
- He looked around and saw that there was a sycamore tree next to him and decided that he would climb it to see the Lord.
- What is important about him climbing the tree?



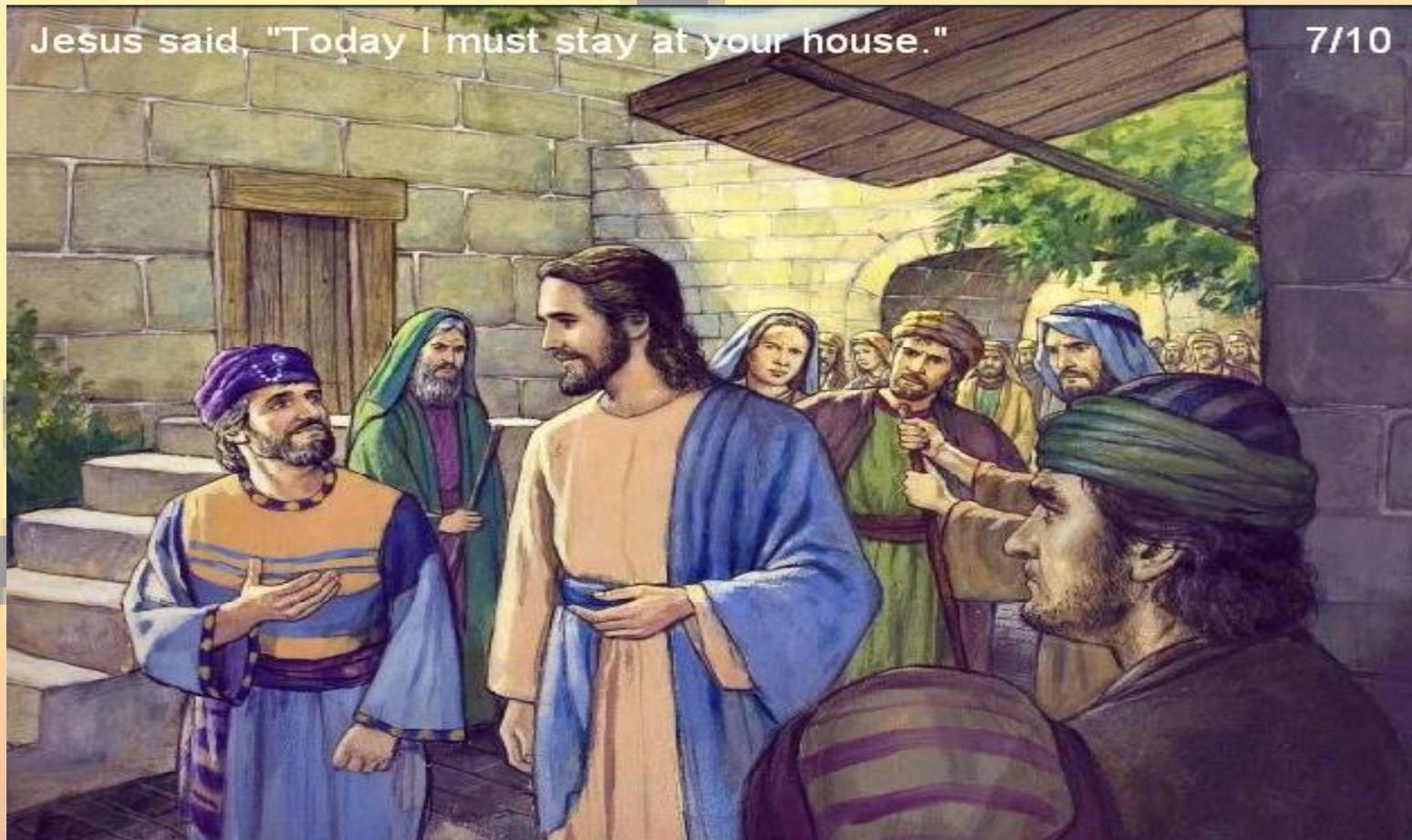
So finally, Zacchaeus saw Jesus and the crowds approaching him and they stopped right under the sycamore tree he was in...



- Jesus looked up into the tree and said, “Zaccheus!” Of course, he was astonished because he did not know how Jesus knew his name! Jesus went on and said, “Zacchaeus! Come down quickly.

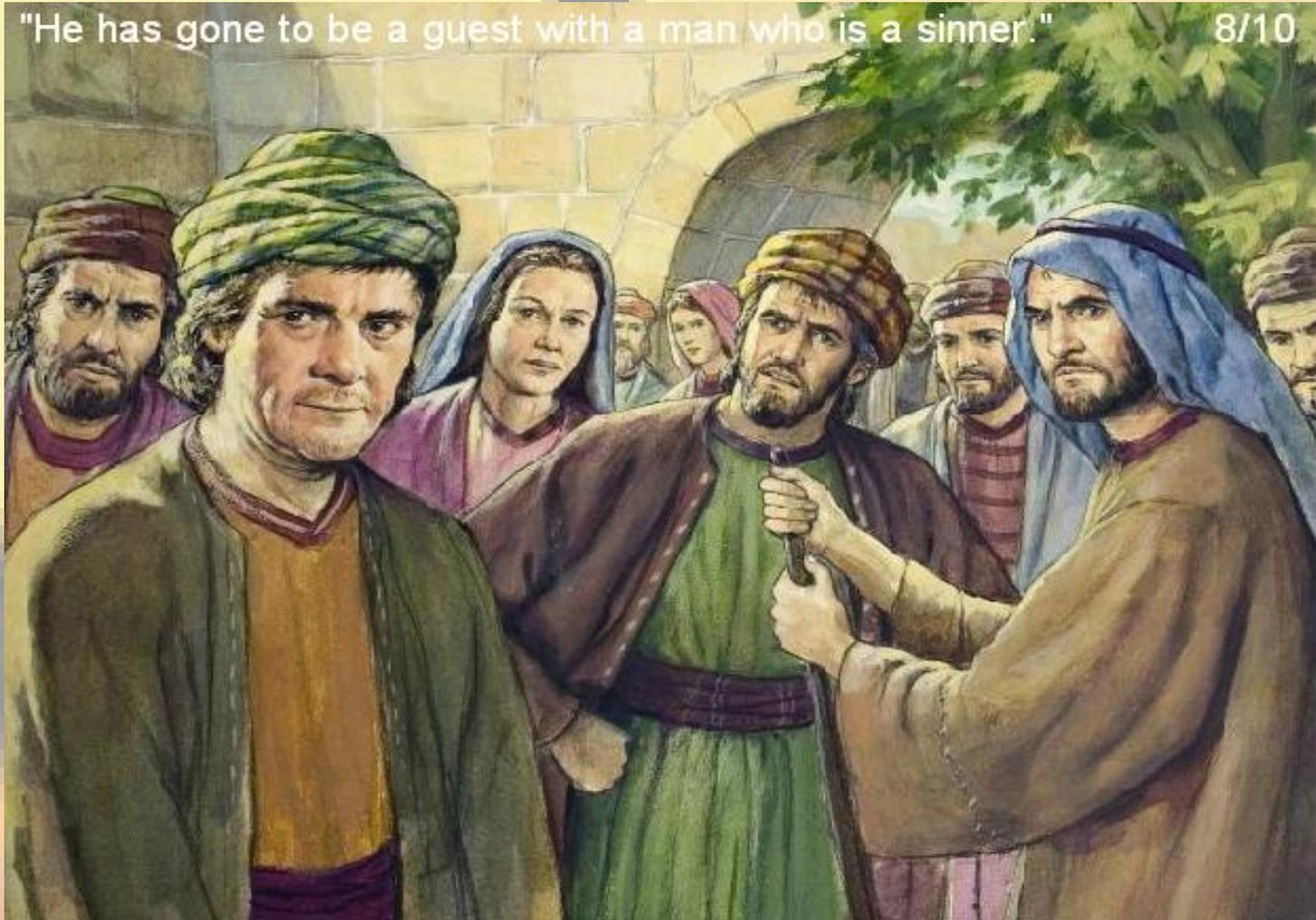


- For I will have dinner at your house today!”
How do you think he felt after hearing this?
How would you feel?



The people said Our Lord has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.

"He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." 8/10

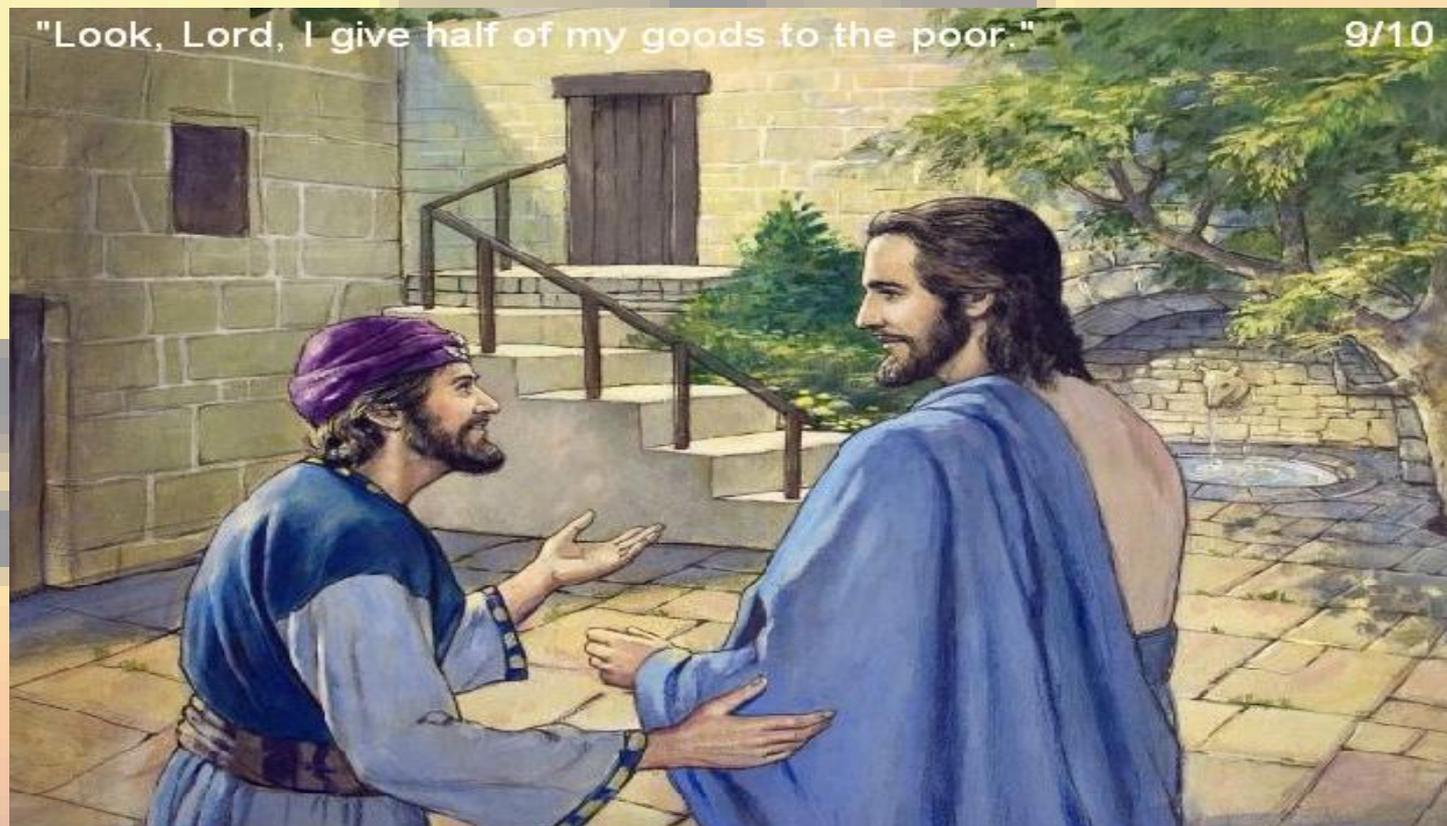


Zacchaeus was so happy and invited everyone to his house for dinner that evening with the Lord



- When everyone was at his house, Zacchaeus stood up in front of the crowds and Jesus and said to Him, “ Lord I was a wicked and cruel man. I loved money before I knew you. I now repent... forgive me.

I will give half my belongings to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay him back four times as much. I'll do this with joy so long as You have accepted me and love me."



Jesus was so happy and pleased with him and replied, "Today salvation has come to this house!"



Conclusion

- Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ was pleased at Zacchaeus' new life.
- He loves to see people turn from sin and do what is right.
- Jesus said, "The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost."
- That day in the city of Jericho, Jesus found Zacchaeus.

Conclusion

- What steps did Zacchaeus go through until Jesus granted him forgiveness?
 - Desire
 - Decision
 - Repentance
 - Confession
 - Forgiveness



Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



Pop Quiz

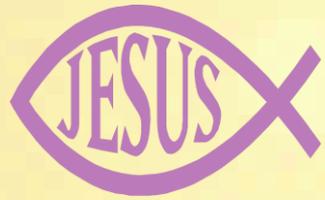


1. Why was Zacchaeus not able to see Jesus?
 - Because he was a short man.
2. What can of work did Zacchaeus do?
 - He was a tax collector
3. What did he do in order to see Jesus?
 - He climbed a tree.
4. What did Jesus say to him when he saw him in the tree?
 - Qucik come down I will have dinner at your house.
5. How would you feel if Jesus came to your house?
 - Very happy
6. What did Zaccheus do to correct his past mistakes?
 - He told Jesus he would give half of his wealth to the poor and if He has taken anything from anyone by stealing he would give back 4 times.

The End

Next Week

We will learn about The prodigal son.





May the love of God the **Father** and the grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





We are one in Christ



*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

