

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man named Zacchaeus lived there. He was a chief tax collector and was very rich.

Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was. But he was a short man. He could not see Jesus because of the crowd.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree. He wanted to see Jesus, who was coming that way.

Jesus reached the spot where Zacchaeus was. He looked up and said,

“Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay at your house today.”

So Zacchaeus came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this. They began to whisper among themselves. They said, “Jesus has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood up. He said,

“Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of what I own to those who are poor. And if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay it back. I will pay back four times the amount I took.”

Jesus said to Zacchaeus

“Today salvation has come to your house. You are a member of Abraham’s family line. The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them.”



Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Zacchaeus.

Thank you that Jesus chose to spend time with him and change his life.

We are sorry for the things we have said and done that do not match up with what you say is best for us.

Thank you for choosing us just like you chose Zacchaeus.

**Please forgive us just like you forgave
Zacchaeus.**

**Please change our lives just like you
changed Zacchaeus.**

Amen



God the Father watch over us - *hands up*

God the Son walk with us - *hands out to side*

**God the Spirit work through us - *hands crossed
over body***

Until we meet again – *wave goodbye*

Amen.