



## MAKING A CHANGE - Zacchaeus

*Life is full of change. Sometimes, the changes we make are not good. However, don't forget the positive changes you have made. Let's check out a Biblical case study.*

*Luke 19:1-7 - Then Jesus traveled through Jericho. There was a man living there named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and he was rich. He came out on the road to see who this Jesus was. He was a short man so he couldn't see a thing. He ran ahead of the procession and climbed a tree so he could see Jesus when He passed by. When Jesus passed that spot, He looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly; I want to visit with you at your house today. Zacchaeus gladly took Jesus to his home. The people around complained that Jesus would spend any time with that sinner.*

*Luke 19:8-9 - Zacchaeus said he would give half his wealth to the poor, and that he would reimburse those he cheated four times the amount." Jesus responded, "today salvation has come to this house."*

1. Since Zacchaeus (who was Jewish) worked for the Roman government in collecting high taxes from the Jewish people, describe the kind of life he probably had in that region? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Y N Do you think he enjoyed his professional status?
3. Y N Do you think he enjoyed his financial status?
4. Y N Do you think his family enjoyed the life he provided?
5. Since he was in charge of the tax office in that area, he knew most of the people and traveled throughout the territory, he would know the news and potential travelers coming through. Why do you think he was interested in checking out this Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Y N Do you think there was any chance that Zacchaeus was getting tired of his way of life? A possible change?
7. What would this possible change cost him or benefit him?  
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8. What change did he promise to make? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please notice. Who did he promise first? \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N Was Zacchaeus a believer in Christ when they met?

11. \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N Was Zacchaeus a believer when Christ left town?

12. \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N Did he become a believer because on the outside he gave away his money and treated people right?

13. \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N Did he become a believer because a religious man was having lunch with him?

*When I met Jesus many years ago, I knew my life was going nowhere and I was choosing the wrong things. I knew He could help me make a change. I invited him to be my Savior and to begin running & guiding my life.*

14. I believe Zacchaeus did the same thing. First of all, his heart changed; secondly, his behavior changed. How does this man's story fit into your life? \_\_\_\_\_

15. How did this change that Zacchaeus chose to make affect himself deep down in his private heart? \_\_\_\_\_

16. How did this change that Zacchaeus chose to make affect the people that he chose to help? Did it change them? \_\_\_\_\_

17. How did this change that Zacchaeus chose to make affect his relationship with his:

a. Employer? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Neighbors? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Victims? \_\_\_\_\_

d. How have the changes you have made (good or bad) affected those close to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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