



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 19 – Luke 19

People — Who is involved?

Zacchaeus, a tax collector

Places — Where does it happen?

*Jericho – 17 miles from northeast of Jerusalem near the Jordan River.
Bethphage and Bethany, villages across the Kidron Valley from Jerusalem at the Mount of Olives.
Jerusalem – the city of Jesus' crucifixion.*

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

- Vs. 1 – In Old Testament times, Jericho was called the “City of Palm Trees.” Remember that its most spectacular historical event was in the days of Joshua when the walls fell down.*
- Vs. 5 – Jesus determined to go to Zacchaeus' house, apparently because the man made great effort to see him. Some resented Jesus going to the house of a tax-collector whom they thought a sinner.*
- Vs. 10 – This is a great statement on the purpose of Jesus coming into the world.*
- Vs. 14 – The citizens rejected the nobleman like the unbelieving Jews were rejecting Jesus.*
- Vs. 15 – Upon his return, all those he had given money to were called to give an accounting.*
- Vs. 26 – Spiritual faithfulness will be rewarded; negligence in fulfilling duty to God will bring loss.*
- Vs. 29 – “Bethphage” means “house of figs”; “Bethany” may mean “house of dates.” Others think “Bethany” means “house of Ananiah,” or “house of the poor and afflicted.”*
- Vs. 30 – Jesus knew where the colt was and that no one had ever ridden it.*
- Vs. 33 – It happened just as Jesus said, even to the exact words of those involved in getting the colt.*
- Vs. 38 – This is a reference to Psalm 118:26. It reminds of the shepherd's proclamation in Luke 2:14.*
- Vs. 41 – These statements are similar to those recorded in Matthew 23:37-39; 24:2.
They refer to the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple which would come about 40 yrs. later.*
- Vs. 45 – Mark adds that Jesus would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple (Mark 11:15)
This event should not be confused with an earlier, similar even recorded in John 2:13.
The Jews challenged the first event (John 2:18); here they are afraid to confront (Mark 11:18).
Jesus was not out of control. His justifiable anger resulted from their disrespect for His Father.*
- Vs. 46 – Men often turn God's house into a place for personal profit, not a place of prayer (Isa. 56:6-7).*

Perspectives – What may I learn from this chapter?

- 1. We will be blessed if we seek Jesus like Zacchaeus did.*
- 2. All of us will be made accountable for the use of make of the blessings God gives to us.*
- 3. Jesus weeps for those who reject him and insists that we honor the spiritual house of God.*