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When Salvation Arrives
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Luke 19:1-10

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham’” (Luke 19:9).

Jesus Christ came to seek and to save the lost. When Jesus sought, saw, and saved Zacchaeus, who was looking for Jesus, He invited himself to Zacchaeus' house and after hearing Zacchaeus' speech, Jesus declared that salvation had come to his house. Zacchaeus' new life would change his family and the relationship each one would have with God and one another through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus is salvation, because He saves believers from perishing and gives them eternal life. Consider the difference salvation made in Zacchaeus' life. First, when Jesus gave Zacchaeus a command, he obeyed Jesus immediately. The Bible shows Jesus' disciples obeying Him immediately. Immediate obedience to Jesus does not save someone, but the effort to obey Jesus immediately is a sign that Jesus has saved someone. Second, Zacchaeus joyfully welcomed Jesus into his home and heart. One sign of a saving relationship with Jesus is joyfulness—the outward expression of an inward happiness that Jesus gives those who know Him. Third, Zacchaeus resolved to help the poor by giving them half of all he possessed. Salvation always leads to a loving concern for the needy, both the physically and spiritually needy, and a willingness to share and help them with what one has received from God. Fourth, Zacchaeus resolved to obey the moral law in the Bible and make restitution if he had cheated anyone (which he may never have done). Because Zacchaeus loved Jesus, he wanted to obey all of God's word and bless others. After others saw Zacchaeus' response, Jesus explained that Zacchaeus had acted and obeyed in faith as “a son of Abraham.”

Thinking Further

1. Compare Jesus' approach to tax collectors and sinners to the Pharisees' approach.
2. If he had heard John the Baptist preach, how might Zacchaeus have prepared himself to meet Jesus?
3. What clues in this event might indicate that Zacchaeus had probably prepared himself to meet Jesus?
4. What did Jesus mean when He said salvation had come to Zacchaeus house?
5. Who is a child of Abraham?

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