



FINDING YOUR PLACE

CATALYST Series,
EMPOWERED TO PROSPER

Luke 19:1-10

In the city of Jericho there lived a very wealthy man named Zacchaeus, who was the supervisor over all the tax collectors. As Jesus made his way through the city, Zacchaeus was eager to see Jesus. He kept trying to get a look at him, but the crowd around Jesus was massive. Zacchaeus was a very short man and couldn't see over the heads of the people. ⁴ So he ran on ahead of everyone and climbed up a blossoming fig tree so he could get a glimpse of Jesus as he passed by.

Zacchaeus

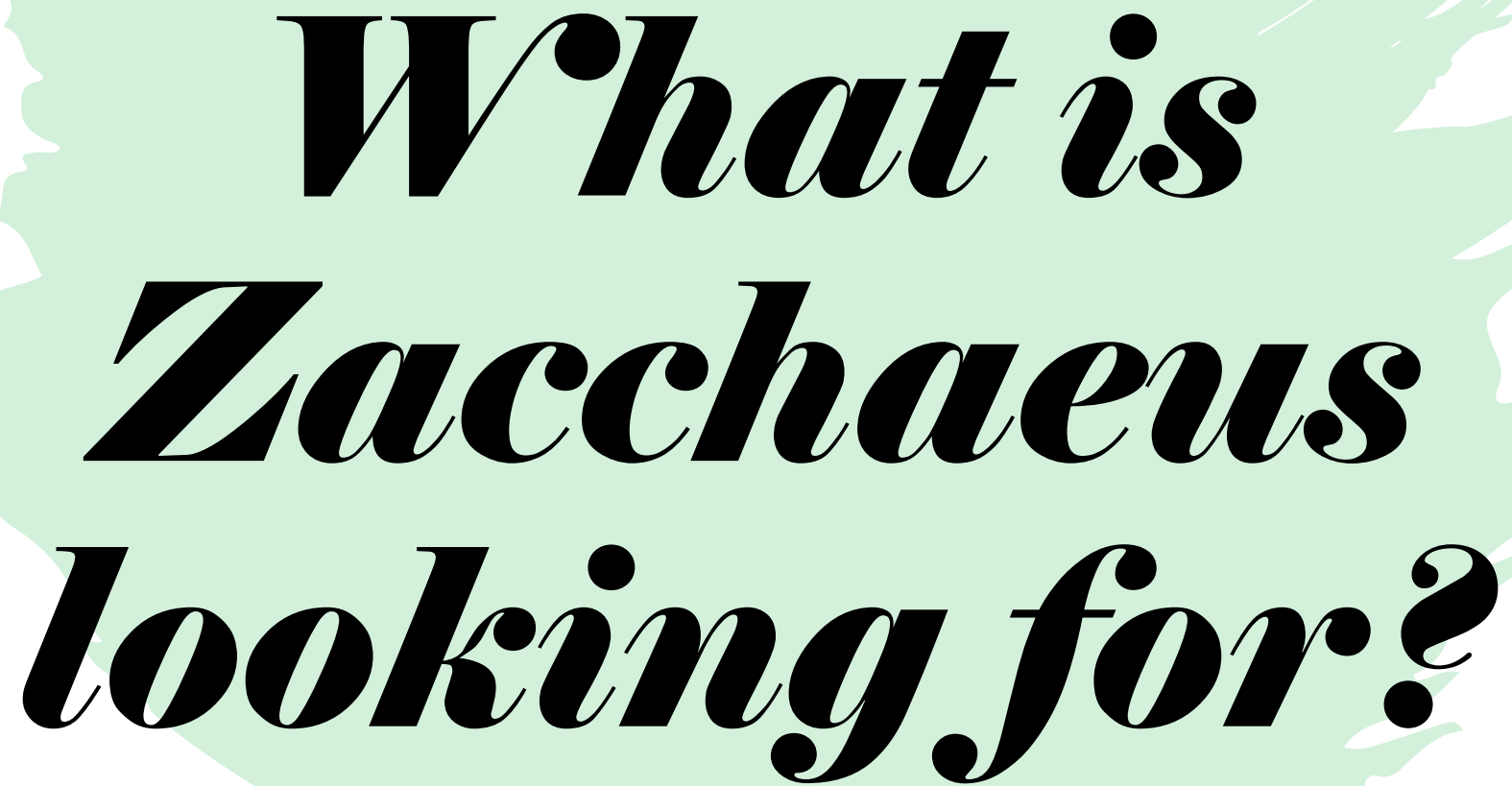
- **Chief Tax Officer – Roman Inland Revenue Service**
- **Loaded – very wealthy**
- **‘Pro-establishment’ and very corrupt**
- **Hated by his own people**
- **Vertically challenged**





Zacchaeus's name means **PURE OF THE LORD or **REMEMBERING GOD**. Names in the bible usually reflect the character of the bearer, what does this say of Zacchaeus?**





***What is
Zacchaeus
looking for?***



The Sycamore/fig tree is symbolically referred to as the ‘Tree of Life’. It is also very leafy and shady, with its bark having a camouflage colour. Anyone hiding in its branches can see clearly but can’t be seen clearly. What does this say of Zacchaeus?



5 When Jesus got to that place, he looked up into the tree and said, “Zacchaeus, hurry on down, for I am appointed to stay at your house today!”⁶ So he scurried down the tree and came face-to-face with Jesus. ⁷ As Jesus left to go with Zacchaeus, many in the crowd complained, “Look at this! Of all the people to have dinner with, he’s going to eat in the house of a crook.”

⁸ Zacchaeus joyously welcomed Jesus and was amazed over his gracious visit to his home. Zacchaeus stood in front of the Lord and said, “Half of all that I own I will give to the poor. And Lord, if I have cheated anyone, I promise to pay back four times as much as I stole.”

⁹⁻¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “This shows that today life has come to you and your household, for you are a true son of Abraham. The Son of Man has come to seek out and to give life to those who are lost.”



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