

THE CONVERSION OF ZACCHAEUS. Luke 19:1-10.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Jericho.-The city of Palm trees (Deut. 34:3; Judges 1:16) is about six miles from the Jordan and 15 miles from Jerusalem.
2. Jericho was the home of Rahab the harlot and the site of the first conquest of Israel under Joshua. Joshua 2:1; 6:1-27.
 - (a) Joshua then pronounced a curse upon Jericho, 6:26, and in the reign of Ahab, Hiel of Bethel defied and underwent the curse, 1 Kings 16:34.

ABOUT FIFTEEN HUNDRED YEARS LATER JESUS COMES TO JERICHO AND MEETS WITH ZACCHAEUS. Zacchaeus is converted:

His Hindrances in Seeking Jesus

1. His riches.

1. These are often a great hindrance to souls who would seek Jesus. Pro. 23:4,5
Matt. 6:19-21; 1 Tim. 6:6,7; James 5:1-3.
Col. 3:1,2.

2. His business.

1. Tax gathering had been denounced by Jewish authorities. Every one should ask himself the question: IS MY BUSINESS A HELP OR A HINDRANCE TO MY SALVATION? Can we ask Jesus to meet us in it and save us in it?

3. His physical state. He was small. Verse 3

PROOFS OF THE GENUINENESS OF HIS CONVERSION.

1. Readiness to obey the call of Jesus. Ver. 5
2. Joyfully received him. Ver. 6
3. Wants to remedy past faults. Verse 8.

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