

Come Just as You Are, Warts and All

Luke 19:1-10

INTRODUCTION: PURE WATER?

Text: Zacchaeus means IRONIC! Opposite in every way!

Jesus saw in him the man he could be.

**Jesus can see in each of us the person we can be.

I. The Condition of Zacchaeus.

v. 2 He was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

Sounds like an application for a loan.

“Chief” – one of many- sold out his people.

Tax Collectors were contemptible.

Banned from social life.

II. The Curiosity of Zacchaeus.

We could almost write Zacchaeus off.

v.3 He was curious.

He was determined.

The Holy Spirit did the rest.

III. The Encounter with Jesus.

v.5-6 Note v. 10

Jesus called Zacchaeus by NAME.

Jesus asked Zacchaeus to extend hospitality.

IV. The Response of Zacchaeus – Wonderful.

v.6 Jesus walked home with him!

Critics quickly came out (V.8)

How long between v. 7-8?

Conclusion:

“I get”---“I give”

“Greed”---“Grace”

The man who made “wrong choices” finally made a right one!