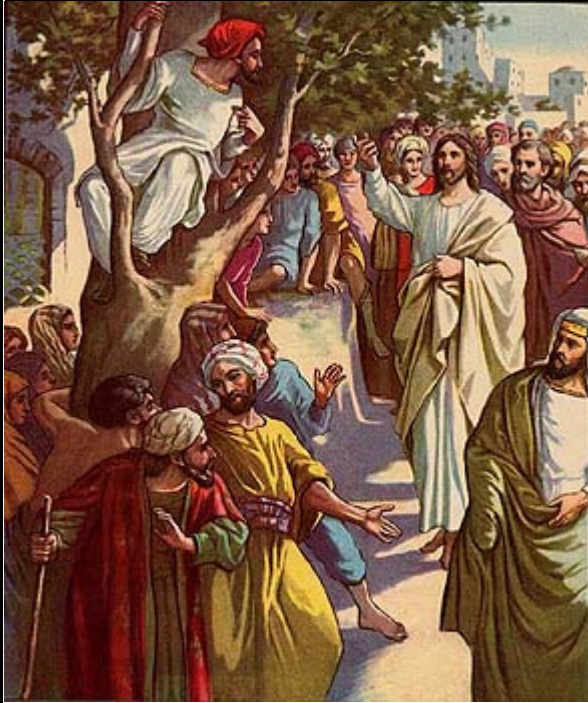


# Zacchaeus: The Tree Climber



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*Luke 19:1-10*

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**What exactly did  
Zacchaeus climb to reach  
the path of Salvation?**

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# 1. He forsook his pride under the tree

- He was prepared to sacrifice his pride, his reputation, and his self-respect in order to see Jesus.
- Lost sheep are more easily found in this way. There he was in the tree, standing out by his humility and self-abasement.

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**2. He climbed over the  
mountain of the love of  
money that hinders many  
from following the Lord**

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**3. He overcame the  
weakness of pitying  
oneself and complaining  
against God**

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**4. He ascended above the temptation of holding a grudge against those who murmured in opposition to the Lord's visit to his house**

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"For in no other way can a man see  
Christ and believe in Him except by  
mounting up into the sycamore (fig)  
tree, by rendering foolish his members  
which are upon the earth, fornication,  
uncleanness, etc."

**--Cyril of Alexandria**