

## LUKE Lesson 48

### Jesus Reveals His Destiny (18:31-34) / When Jesus Comes to Abide with You (19:1-10)

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The information on Blind Bartimaeus, found in Luke 18:35-43 was preached at our 20-year Church Anniversary service and can be found at [bbbckuwait.org](http://bbbckuwait.org). Click on Mp3 sermons / Messages / and select the message entitled "Opening the Eyes of the Blind," dated 08/07/2016.

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#### Luke 18:31-34 Jesus Reveals the Gospel of His Death, Burial, and Resurrection

Jesus outlines the remainder of the book of Luke in these few verses:

- Behold, we go up to Jerusalem (Luke 18:35-19:44).
- He shall be delivered unto the Gentiles (Luke 19:45-24:54).
- And spitefully entreated (Luke 23:26-56).
- And put him to death (Luke 23:26-56).
- And the third day he shall rise again (Luke 24:1-12).

It is obvious from these verses that Jesus knew in advance everything that was going to happen to Him; and yet, He chose to go through all of it anyway.

We don't know what tomorrow brings for us, but Jesus does. And so, He simply tells us to follow Him; to walk by faith and trust Him to lead us in the right paths.

**This passage proves that the Old Testament saints were not "Looking forward to the cross."**

- Jesus told His disciples (Old Testament Saints) that He would soon die.
- And they understood NONE of these things!
  - They didn't respond in a manner that would indicate they expected this information.
  - Peter defended the Lord with a sword at Gethsemane (Jn 18:10). He wouldn't have done that if he was looking forward to the cross.
  - The Old Testament saints were looking for a kingdom, not a cross (Acts 1:6, Lk 24:21).

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#### Chapter 19

Zacchaeus was a rich Publican (tax collector). He was a Jew, but he represented the idolatrous Roman government, which the Jews despised. Zacchaeus got rich through dishonest means at the expense of the Jewish people in his day-to-day tax collection arrangement with the Romans. As far as the Jews were concerned, Zacchaeus was the worst man in town.

He sought to see Jesus. He couldn't see Him because of the crowd (the press) and because of his stature (his height). He climbed a sycamore tree so he could see.

- This characterizes a man who wants to get to God but comes short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23), when he tries to climb up on his own (merits).
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Jesus called him down (a picture of humility) and offered him fellowship (Rev 3:20). Thousands of people were crowding around Jesus, but the Lord chose to spend time with Zacchaeus because He saw what was in his heart; He saw a man who sincerely desired the fellowship of God.

Zacchaeus received Jesus gladly. Other people may have had a passing curiosity about Jesus, but Zacchaeus was different; he wanted true fellowship with Jesus.

- Notice that Jesus sought Zacchaeus (vs 5), called him by name, and invited Himself, in order to give Zacchaeus an opportunity to receive Him.
  - Look back at the circumstances of your life before you were saved and realize that Jesus provided a perfect opportunity for you to receive Him at just the right time. He drew you in with cords of love (Jn 6:44, 12:32, Isa 55:3, Jer 31:3).
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The people murmured and criticized this new relationship between Jesus And Zacchaeus (vs 7). It didn't bother him at all because Jesus was in his home.

- People will murmur against us as Christians. When we go to Jesus and spend some time with Him, we'll not be concerned about what others are saying.
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### **The Transformation (vs 8)**

When Jesus comes into your life, there will be some changes.

- You'll think about other people instead of being selfish.
  - You'll want to give to others as God prospers you (1 Cor 16:2).
  - You'll want to make restitution (pay back the people you cheated), with interest.
  - You'll confess that you've done wrong and try to make things right with your fellow man, if possible.
  - You'll begin to take on the likeness of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
    - This requires constant abiding in Christ (Jn 15:4-5).
    - This requires separating from the world and renewing your mind in the Bible (Rom 12:2).
    - This requires fellowship with other believers who love the Lord (Heb 10:24-25).
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Salvation came to Zacchaeus' house (vs 9). The Lord Jesus Christ is the salvation that came to his house. (not religion). His salvation was receiving the Lord Jesus Christ, which resulted in a changed life.

- He didn't change his life first to impress Jesus so that He'd want to come visit.
  - He received Jesus "as is" and then he began to change his life.
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