

# Jesus Loves Sinners



Zaccheus: Luke 19: 1-10

## **This little book starts out with some very BAD news!**

The Bible says that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”. That means that we all think, say and do things that are sin.

Because of our sin, we deserve to die!

Our sin separates us from God who is holy and perfect. (Rom 3:23)

And what’s worse, there is nothing we can do to save ourselves from our sin. We are helpless! That is bad news!

## **But this little book ends with some GOOD news!**

God loves us so much that He made a way for our sins to be forgiven. That way is Jesus! God sent Jesus, His one and only Son to this earth to die on the cross for our sins! Because we are ungodly sinners, we are the ones that deserve to die! But Jesus loved us so much that He died on the cross in our place. That is GOOD news!

John 3:16 says, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** When we believe in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven, and we have the gift of eternal life. That means we are a child of God and Heaven is our forever home! That is VERY GOOD news!

**“For God demonstrates His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Rom 5:8**

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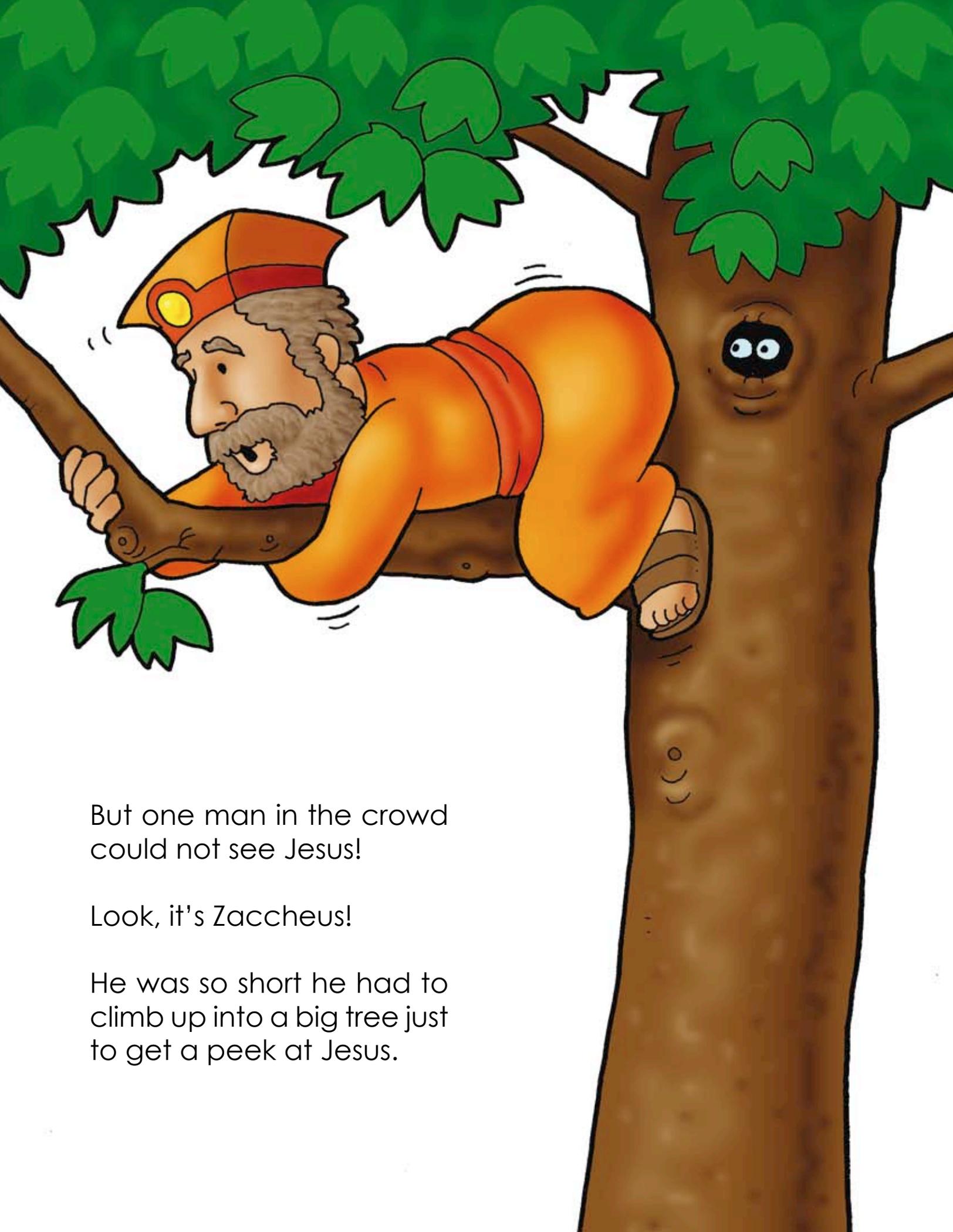
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This man's name is Zaccheus. He was a very little man, but he had a great big problem. He was a terrible sinner, just like you and me. But God loved Zaccheus so much He made a way for his sins to be forgiven. That way was the Lord Jesus Christ.



One day Jesus entered the town of Jericho, the very town where Zaccheus lived. Lots of people rushed to see the Lord Jesus Christ.





But one man in the crowd  
could not see Jesus!

Look, it's Zaccheus!

He was so short he had to  
climb up into a big tree just  
to get a peek at Jesus.

When Jesus saw Zaccheus in the tree He said, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."





Now no one in Jericho wanted to stay at Zaccheus' house. No one in all of Jericho loved Zaccheus. He was a tax collector that stole people's money. But Jesus loved Zaccheus because Jesus loves all people, even when they are sinful and ungodly!

Jesus and Zaccheus had a great visit. And something wonderful happened to Zaccheus! He decided to give money to the poor and give back four times more than what he had stolen! Hmmm? What made Zaccheus turn from an ungodly sinner into a man that cared about others? The love of Jesus Christ!

Romans 5:8 says, **“For God demonstrates His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”**

Jesus loved Zaccheus so much He was willing to die on the cross for his sins. Zaccheus believed in Jesus Christ as His Lord and Savior and his sins were forgiven! He was now a child of God and Heaven is his forever home!



**I hope you will be like Zaccheus and believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. If you do, your sins are forgiven, you are a child of God and Heaven is your forever home! That is VERY good news!**