



As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.
~ Jesus (John 20:21)

Part 4: *Mission Impossible*

The story of Zacchaeus is a tale of unexpected twists and reversals.

~ Gail R. O'Day
The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary

Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus is an example of the kingdom of God bringing salvation to the outcasts. It also provides a lesson on the proper kingdom use of money and possessions.

~ ESV Study Bible

In Luke's gospel, as following the way of Jesus, the use of possessions is a major indicator of one's spiritual condition.

~ Walter L. Liefeld
The Expositor's Bible Commentary

Zacchaeus was an entrepreneur who had profited from the system and had made himself both very wealthy and very much despised by the Jewish people he had exploited.

~ Allison Al Trites
Cornerstone Biblical Commentary

Zacchaeus' relationship with Jesus changed his values. His contact with Jesus made a real difference, and he was no longer the same self-centred man.

~ Allison Al Trites
Cornerstone Biblical Commentary

Zacchaeus becomes an example of God's power to save the rich and therefore accomplish the impossible referred to in Luke 18:27.

~ C. Marvin Pate
Moody Gospel Commentary

Here we learn from Jesus how important it is to seek for ways to dignify those who are despised and who may despise themselves.

~ Jerram Barrs
Learning Evangelism from Jesus

Zacchaeus is the ultimate of Israel's outcasts, not just a hated tax collector, but a CHIEF tax collector, the worst among the worst. Yet manifesting God's grace, Jesus reaches out and offers salvation even to him.

~ Mark L. Strauss
Zondervan Bible Backgrounds Commentary

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak.

~ Yahweh (Ezekiel 34:16)

The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

~ Jesus