

“ST. ZACCHAEUS”

(Luke 19:1-10)

INTRODUCTION: *What is a saint?*

[*A forgiven sinner:*

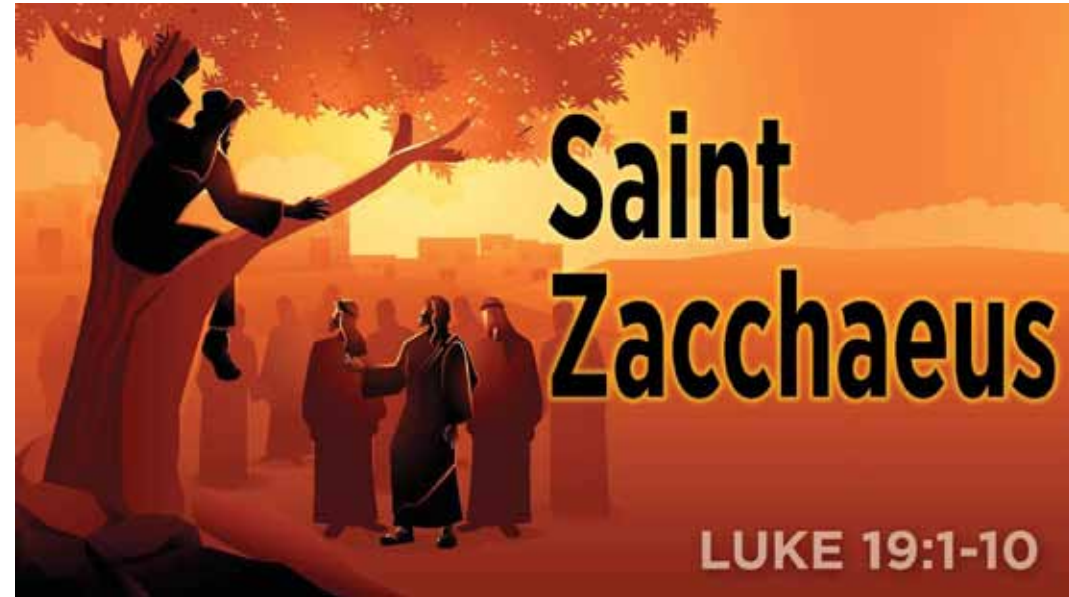
Romans 1; 1 Corinthians 1; Ephesians 1]

I. LET’S MEET ST. ZACCHAEUS (Luke 19:1-10)

- A. He was “imprisoned” by his identity:
a short, cheating, hated tax collector
- B. Jesus finds him up a sycamore tree
- C. Jesus speaks wonderful words:
“Hurry & come down, for I must stay at your house today.” (v.5)

II. THE LOVE OF JESUS TRANSFORMS ZACCHAEUS

- A. Zacchaeus the cheater & taker becomes
Zacchaeus the witness & giver (v.8)
- B. In the person of Jesus, the power of God’s *Law & Gospel*
were at work
- C. Salvation came to Zacchaeus’ house (vv.9-10) & Zacchaeus the
sinner was made into Zacchaeus the saint



III. THE LOVE OF JESUS TRANSFORMS US & FREES US FROM THE PRISON OF PAST IDENTITIES

- A. Oh how many of us & others have been imprisoned by our pasts . . .
- B. Jesus comes to you with the same wonderful words He spoke to Zacchaeus: *“Hurry & come down, for I must stay at your house today.”*
- C. He is here today & comes to you in His Word proclaimed & His Supper shared

CONCLUSION: *Jesus invites you to come down out of your tree . . .
He has made you a saint*

[Blessed All Saints Day!]