

3. Zacchaeus climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus. How much of a tree-climber were you in your younger days? Do you have any good tree-climbing stories?



FINDING DAYLIGHT

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Feel free to jot down Video Notes as you watch the presentation by Michael Card. Use the space below for those notes.

VIDEO NOTES

Jericho valley road

A religionist tests Jesus

The Good Samaritan

Jericho: Jesus enters the city

Jesus' tears

Cleansing the temple

Questions for Jesus



WALKING IN THE DAYLIGHT

Discussion Time

DISCOVER GOD'S WORD

Discussion/Application Questions

1. While Michael Card is near Jericho, he recounts a famous parable that is set on the road between Jericho and Jerusalem. Read Luke 10:25–37.
 - a. How does this parable fit into the context of Jesus' life situation?
 - b. What does Michael mean that the Samaritan showed the best man *hesed*?

- c. How does this parable point, once again, to the upside-down nature of God's kingdom?

2. **In the last session we looked at the story of Jesus healing a blind man as He approached Jericho. After healing the man, perhaps at the city gate, Jesus entered Jericho on His way to Jerusalem. Read what happened next in Luke 19:1–10.**

The term “chief tax collector,” found nowhere else in the Bible but in Luke 19:2, likely referred to a tax collector who was in charge of a district. With other tax collectors under him, it's not surprising that Zacchaeus had become wealthy.

- a. How do you think Zacchaeus felt about Jesus before he met Him?
- b. What does Michael mean when he refers to Zacchaeus as “the poster child for this new value system, this radically reversed kingdom that Jesus has been talking about”?
- c. How do you imagine Zacchaeus felt after Jesus said what He did in verse 9? How do you imagine the people of Jericho felt?
3. **Read Luke 19:28–40 to see what occurred when Jesus and His disciples came to Jerusalem.**

- a. If you had been one of the two disciples who were sent ahead, how would you have reacted to Jesus' instructions?

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- b. How do you think the crowd of disciples viewed Jesus and His mission at this point?
4. **Now read Luke 19:41–44. All four gospels have an account of the Triumphal Entry, but only Luke records this event—which is one of only two accounts in which Jesus wept (the other was in John 11, at Lazarus' tomb).**
- a. What did Jesus see in His prophetic imagination?
- b. What was “the time of God's coming,” or “the time of your visitation” (verse 44), that the people of Jerusalem would fail to recognize?
5. **Read Luke's next story in Luke 19:45–46. This story took place in the outer court, the court of the Gentiles—the only area of the temple in which Gentiles could worship and pray. Jesus quoted Isaiah 56:7, which promised godly Gentiles that they would be allowed to worship in the temple. But the court of the Gentiles instead had become a noisy marketplace where sacrificial animals were sold at unfair prices.**