

Quit Complaining...Position Yourself

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Main Scriptures: John 6:35-37, 40-44; Matthew 7:7; Luke 18:18-23; 35-43; 19:1-10

Notes:

Luke 18 gives us an account of two different people that have come to Jesus

The First Man

A Rich Man - The rich young ruler who approached the Lord with an interest in finding out what to do to inherit eternal life?

Jesus responded to him to sell what he had and give it to the poor (Luke 18:22)

The rich man left sorrowful for he was very rich.

This depicts one who was interested in eternal life but unwilling to surrender all- ending with him rejecting Jesus.

Such a person will never leave God's presence with Joy- unwilling to pay the price

Eternal Life Is Not Free

It Costs a Man Everything He Is & Everything He Has

The Second Man

The Blind Beggar - only had bread if one gave him. Did not have the ability to walk directly into the presence of The Master (Unlike the rich ruler)

He heard the noise of a crowd as he was sitting, he began shouting for Jesus to have mercy upon him

despite the shushing of the crowd he cried out for Jesus

He asked Jesus for his sight, and he was given

(Luke 18:43)

When he began to see he saw much more than what he anticipated, he followed Jesus praising God

The Third Man - branch of Rich Man

Luke 19 - Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

A Rich Man, Tax Collector

Although very hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven Zacchaeus depicts the life of one who does

Jews did not like Zacchaeus as he collected from his own to give the Roman government

And while Zacchaeus was short and could not see Jesus in the crowd he was determined and climbed a tree to see Jesus pass his way

Jesus called for Zacchaeus knowing Zacchaeus was a tax collector, hated by his own - yet still called for Zacchaeus

Any one who finds themselves desperate for Jesus will find Him (Seek and you will find Him)

There are many of us who are interested in finding out who Jesus is

How many of us have heard about Jesus but deep down asking the question- I'm I qualified?

Zacchaeus positioned himself to be blessed from The Lord

Position yourself to be blessed

Zacchaeus stood before the Lord saying he will give half of his wealth to the poor and if he has cheated people on their taxes he will give them back four times as much (Luke 19:8)

Jesus responded saying "Salvation has come to this home today"

A man who is ready to take up his cross and follow Jesus

The blind man did not have this trouble, he had no wealth, he received his sight and followed Jesus

Zacchaeus saw the pleasures of life, gave it up to follow Christ...fully surrendered.
One encounter with Jesus will change you!