

The background features several flowing, wavy bands of color. At the top, a thick band of red and orange waves across the frame. Below this, the background is mostly white. At the bottom, there are more flowing bands, with a prominent one in shades of red and orange on the left, and another in shades of yellow and orange on the right. The overall effect is dynamic and vibrant.

Zacchaeus and Jesus

LUKE 19:1-10

1. Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. 2. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. 3. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. 4. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

5. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. **“Zacchaeus!”** he said. **“Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”**

LUKE 19:1-10

6. Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. 7. But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

8. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

9. Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. 10. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 3:12-13

12. Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, “Teacher, what should we do?”

13. He replied, “Collect no more taxes than the government requires.”

Luke 18:35-42

35. As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind beggar was sitting beside the road. 36. When he heard the noise of a crowd going past, he asked what was happening. 37. They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was going by. 38. So he began shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

39. "Be quiet!" the people in front yelled at him.

But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

40. When Jesus heard him, he stopped and ordered that the man be brought to him. As the man came near, Jesus asked him, 41. "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord," he said, "I want to see!"

42. And Jesus said, "All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you." 43. Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus, praising God. And all who saw it praised God, too.



Luke 18:9-14

9. Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: 10. “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. 11. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! 12. I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’

13. “But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ 14. I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 18: 18-27

18. Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: "Good. Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"

19. "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "Only God is truly good. 20. But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother.'"

21. The man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young."

22. When Jesus heard his answer, he said, "There is still one thing you haven't done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

23. But when the man heard this, he became very sad, for he was very rich.

24. When Jesus saw this, he said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God! 25. In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!"

26. Those who heard this said, "Then who in the world can be saved?"

27. He replied, "What is impossible for people is possible with God."

PRAYER

Be always aware of those searching for Jesus

God has plans for everyone...NO-ONE is too far away to not be within the reach of Jesus.

You may be the avenue for that person...be always listening to the Holy Spirit





BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you His favour and give you His peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever more.

Amen.