

# *Zacchaeus' Life Changing Event!*

*Sinner / Seeking / Seeing / Seen*

## Zacchaeus & Jesus

*Submits / Sees / Sorrows / Saved*

**LUKE 19:1-10**





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## Textual Context

### ➤ Luke Chapter 18

- Parable of the publican, or tax collector, and the Pharisee (vs. 9-14)
- The difficulty of a rich man entering the kingdom (vs. 18-27)
- Entrance Into Jericho (vs. 35-43)





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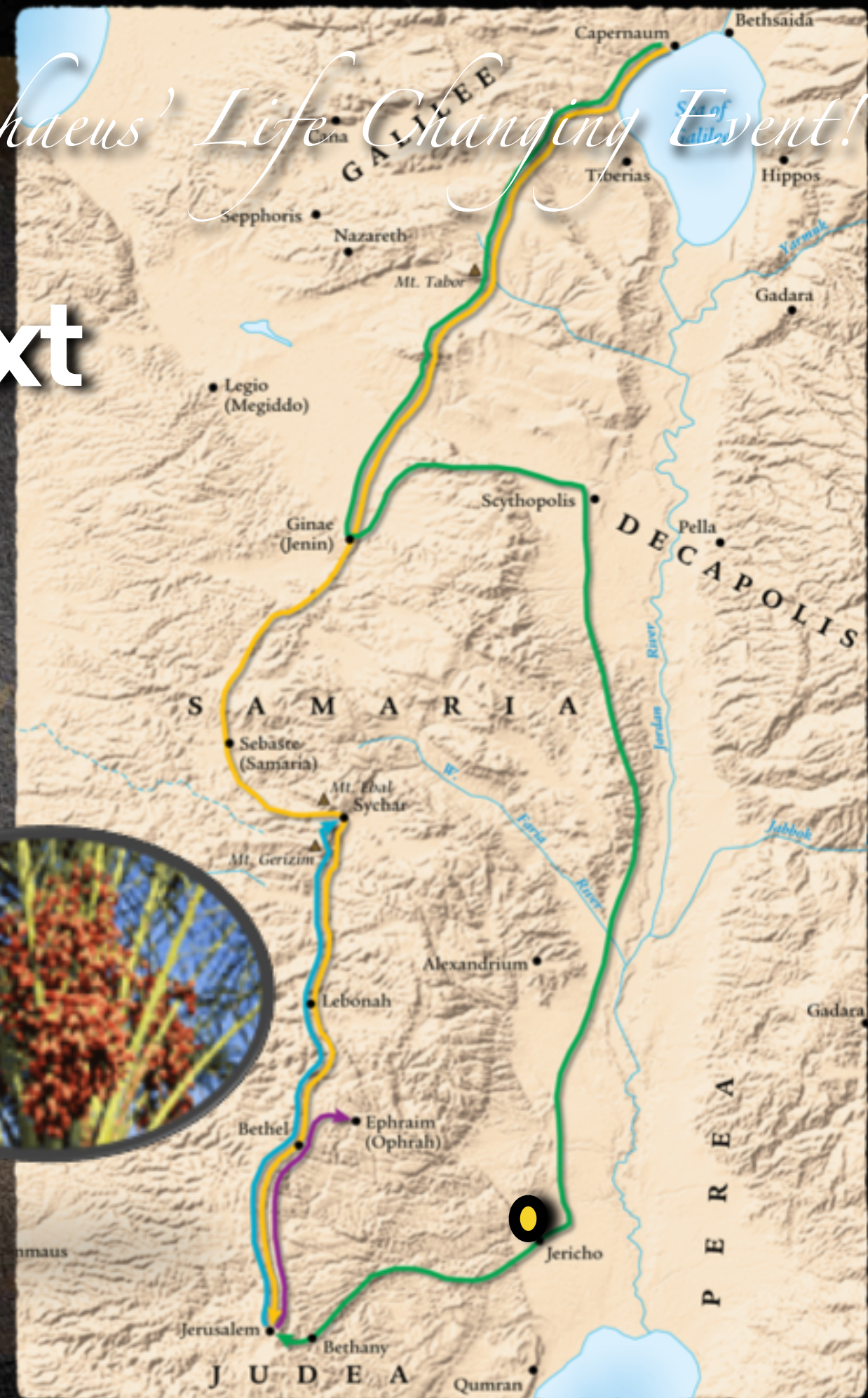
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# Historical Context

## ➤ Location: Jericho

- Controlled land trade routes to & from Arabia & the Jordan valley
- Main source of dates & balsam for Rome
- Extremely expensive tax obligations
- Rome required much for right to tax there





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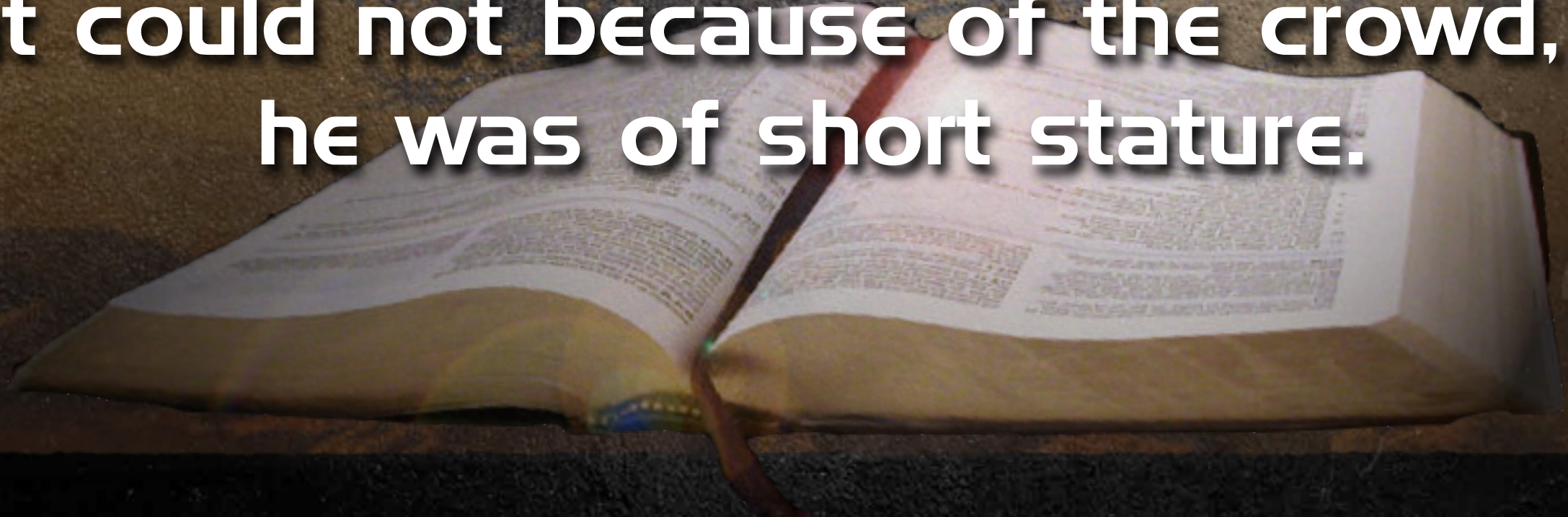
- About 2 weeks before crucifixion
- Publican – a tax collector
  - Paid a fixed amount for right to collect taxes
  - Excess taxes collected became extra income
- Chief publican
  - Owner of tax gathering company
  - Controlled taxes for the region



# LUKE 19:1-10

*(NKJV)*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. <sup>2</sup> Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. <sup>3</sup> And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.





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<sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."





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**6** So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

**7** But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."






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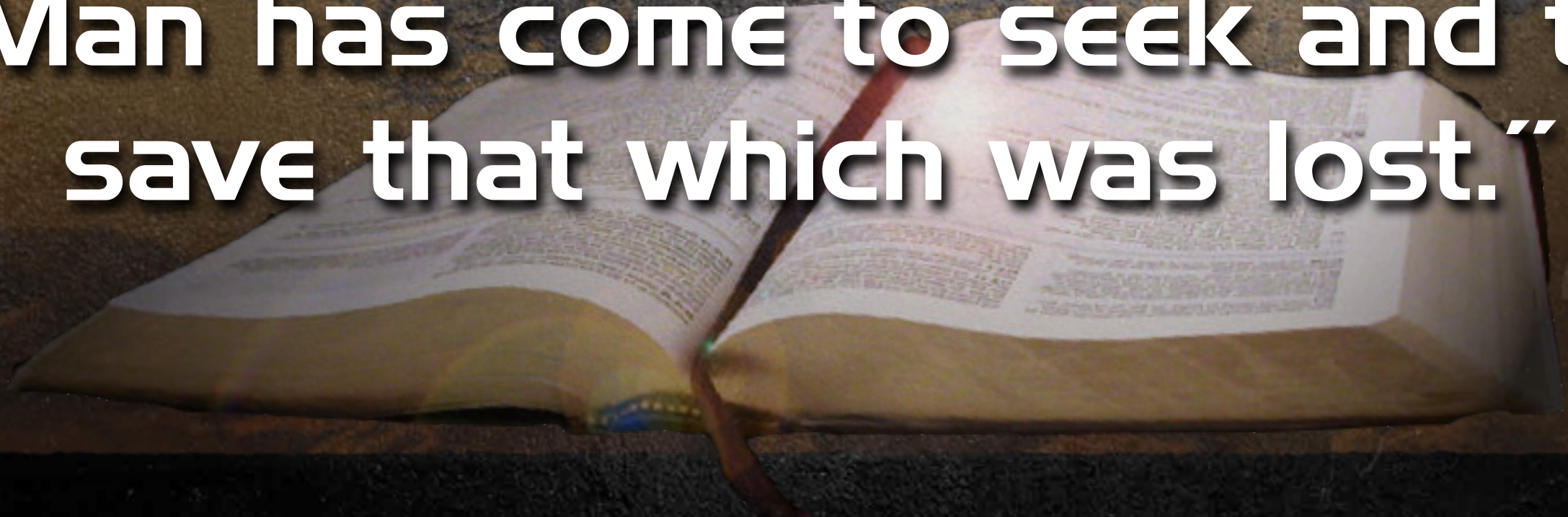




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<sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; <sup>10</sup> for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."



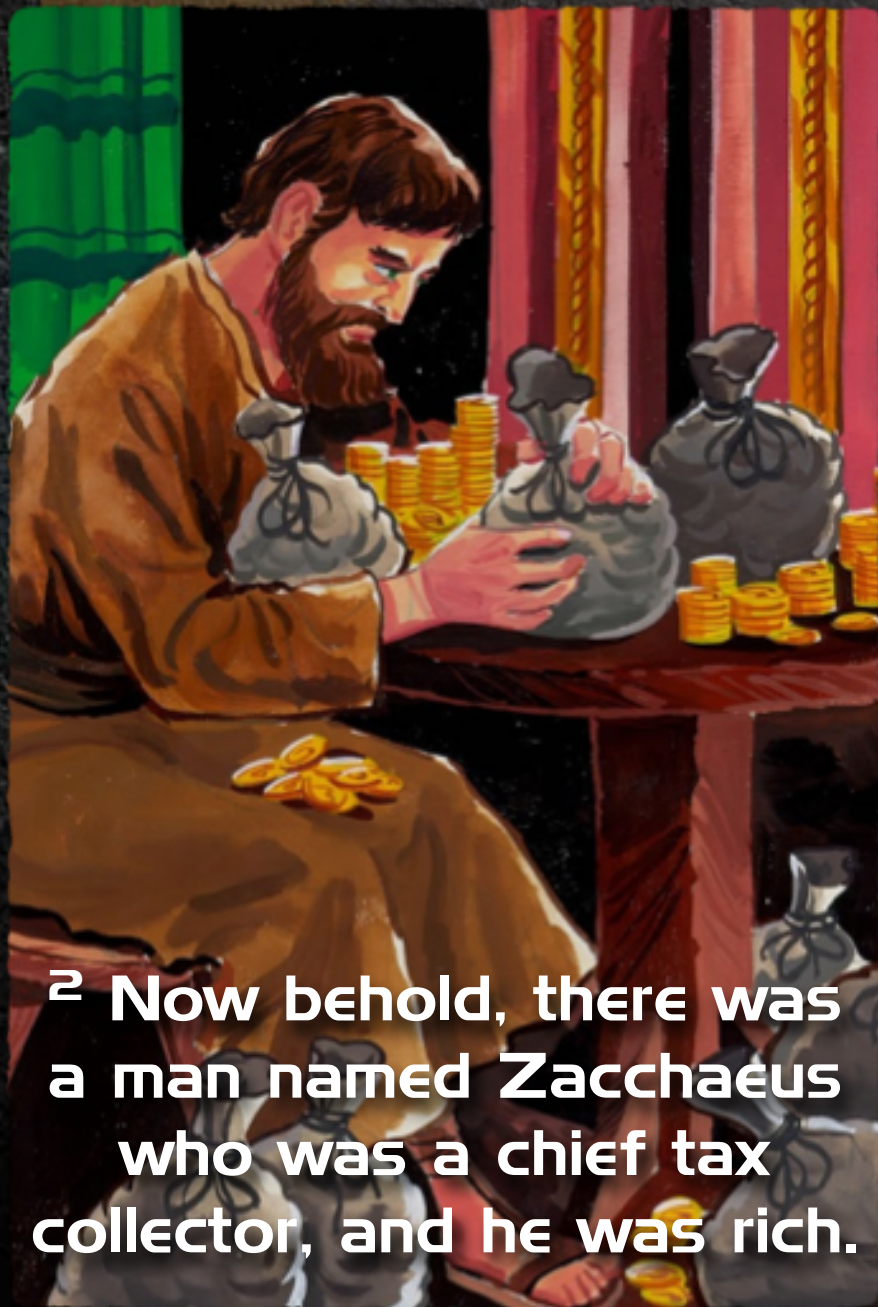


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# Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-4



<sup>2</sup> Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

- **Hebrew name, (pure) - Jewish**
- **Hated - Worked for Romans**
  - Considered a traitor, extortioner, sinner
  - No better than a prostitute (Mt 21:31)
  - Considered "unclean" by Pharisees
- **Extremely wealthy** (Luke 19:2)
  - Some wealth probably gained by overtaxing

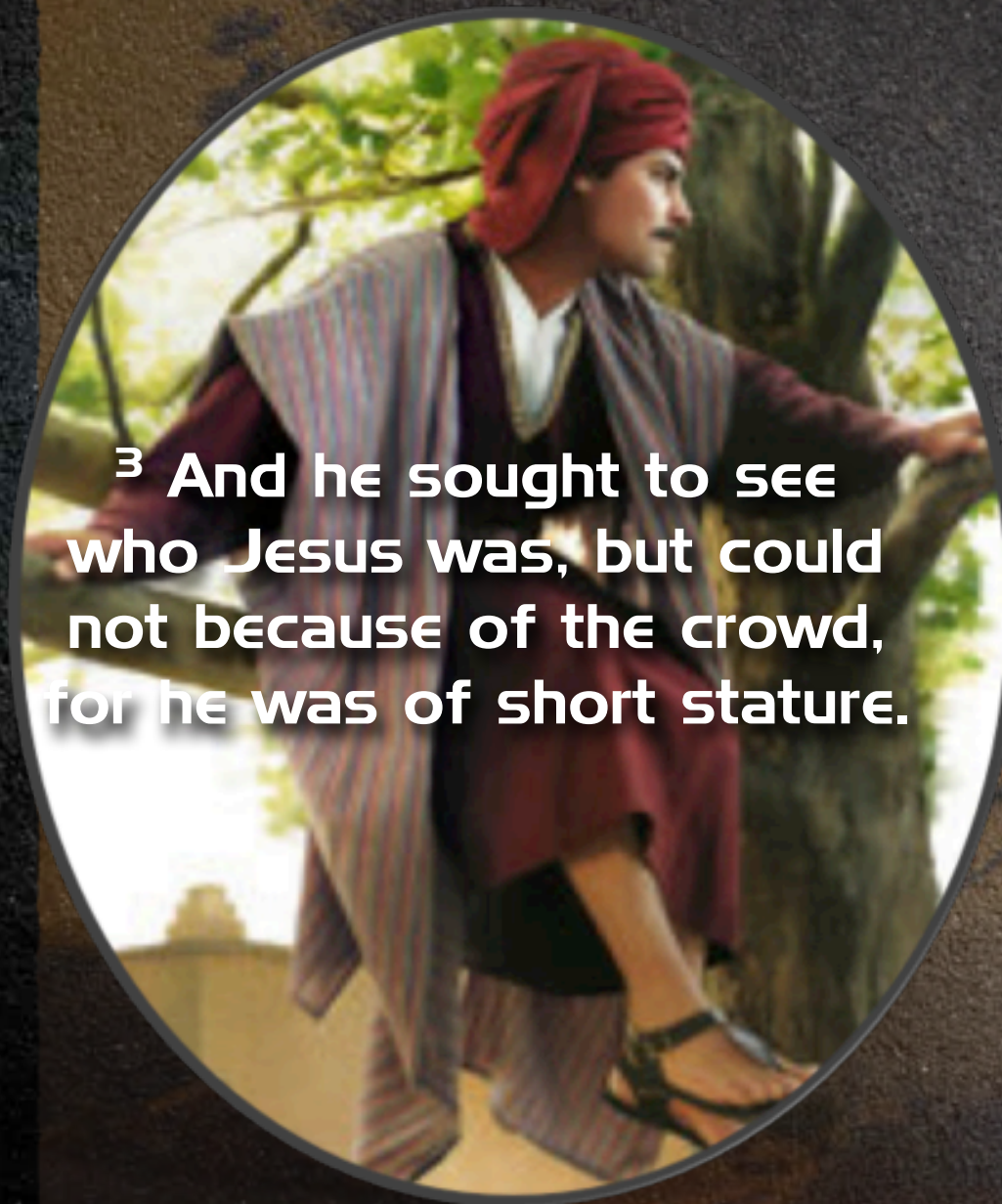


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<sup>3</sup> And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

- Only wanted to “see who Jesus was”
- His interest was intense, earnest & determined - (Luke 19:3)
- Short in physical height (Luke 19:3)

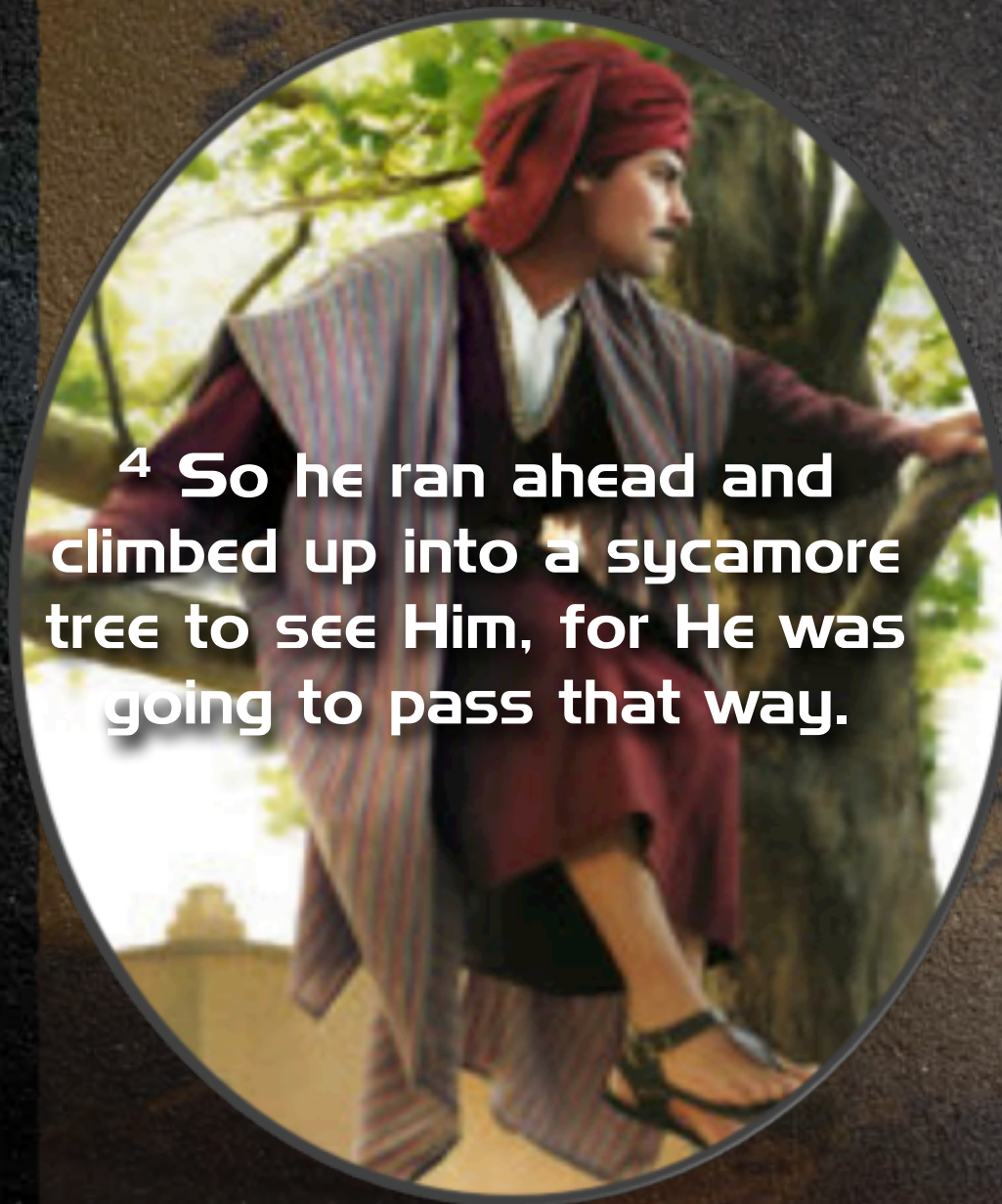


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# Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-4



<sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

➤ **He takes unusual steps to "see" Jesus**

- He ran ahead
- Placed himself in position where he knew Jesus would be
- Climbed up into a sycamore tree
- Not trying to be seen



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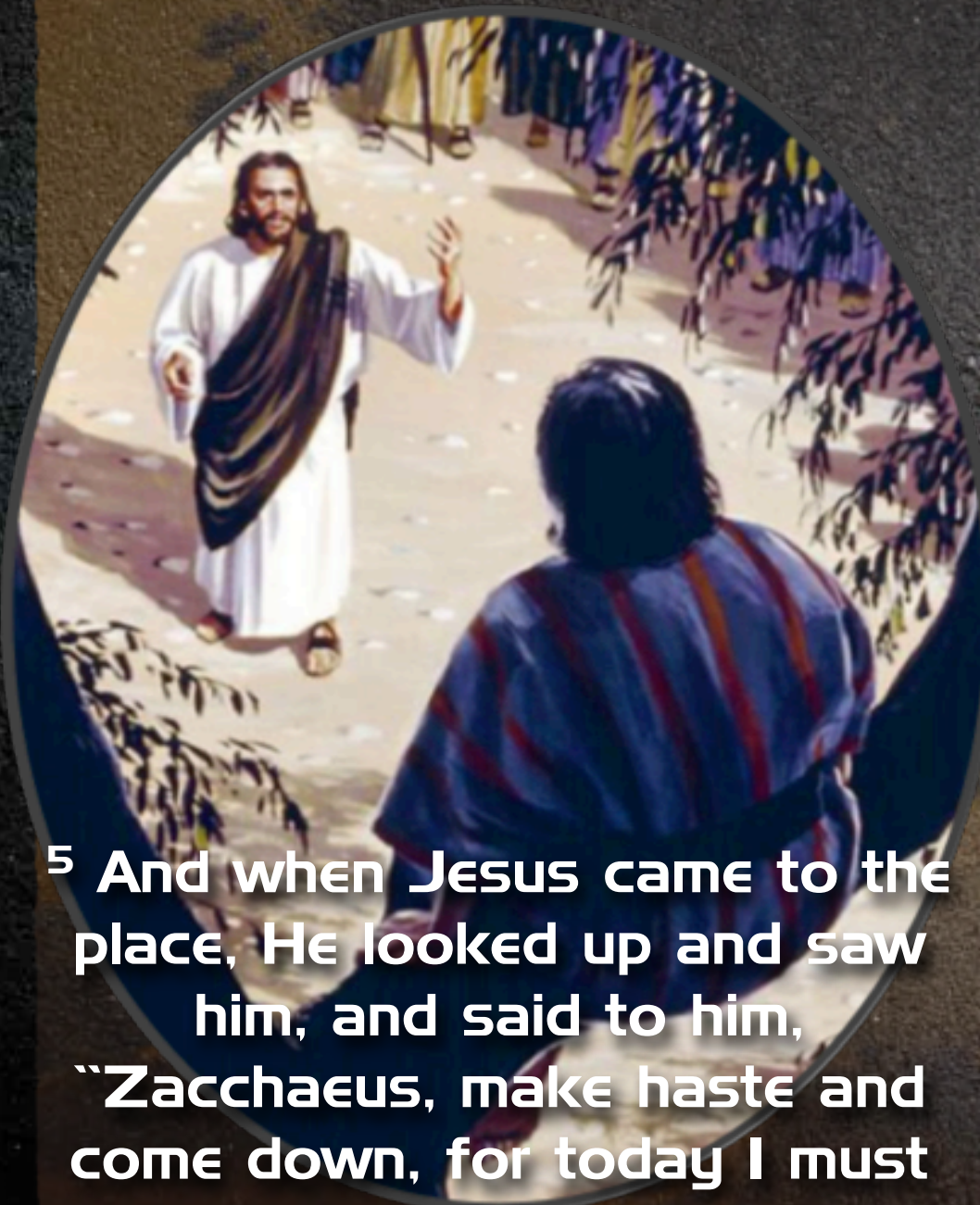


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## Zacchaeus Meets Jesus - Luke 19:5,6



<sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

- **Jesus notices & calls Zacchaeus by name**
  - Being noticed probably not what he wanted
- **Zacchaeus is told to hurry & get down**
- **Jesus invites himself to Zacchaeus' house**

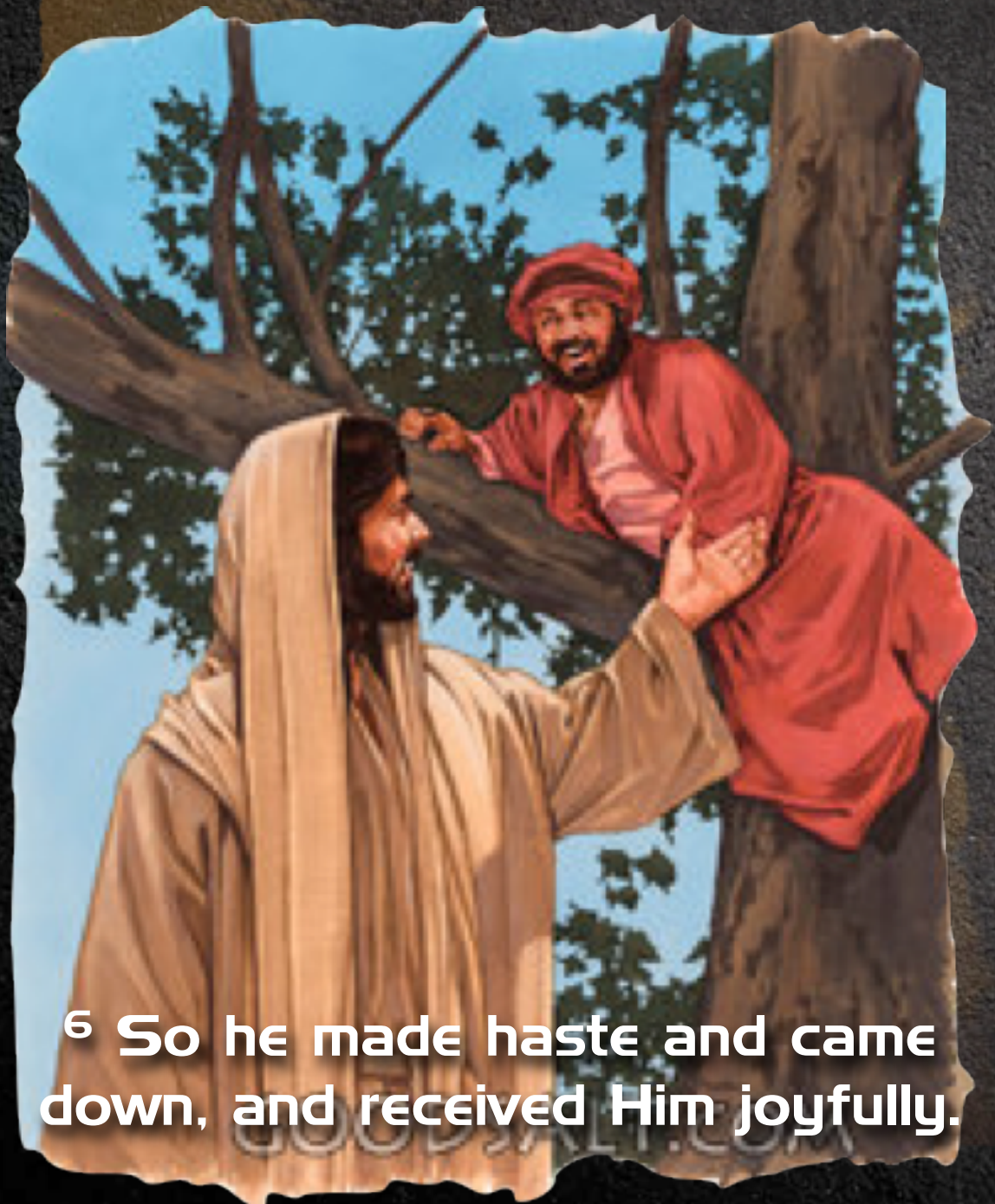


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<sup>6</sup> So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

### ➤ **Zacchaeus obeys**

- Probably never imagined he would be accepted by Jesus

### ➤ **Zacchaeus is joyful**

- He was used to being despised
- Unbelievable that the much loved Jesus wanted to talk to him and enter his home



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## Reaction of the Crowd - Luke 19:7



### ➤ Grumbling

- "All" – including the apostles
- No one liked the tax man

### ➤ "gone to be the guest of a ...sinner"

- Jesus left us for him . . .
- Easy to see sins in others - Easy to discount - Easy to resent -



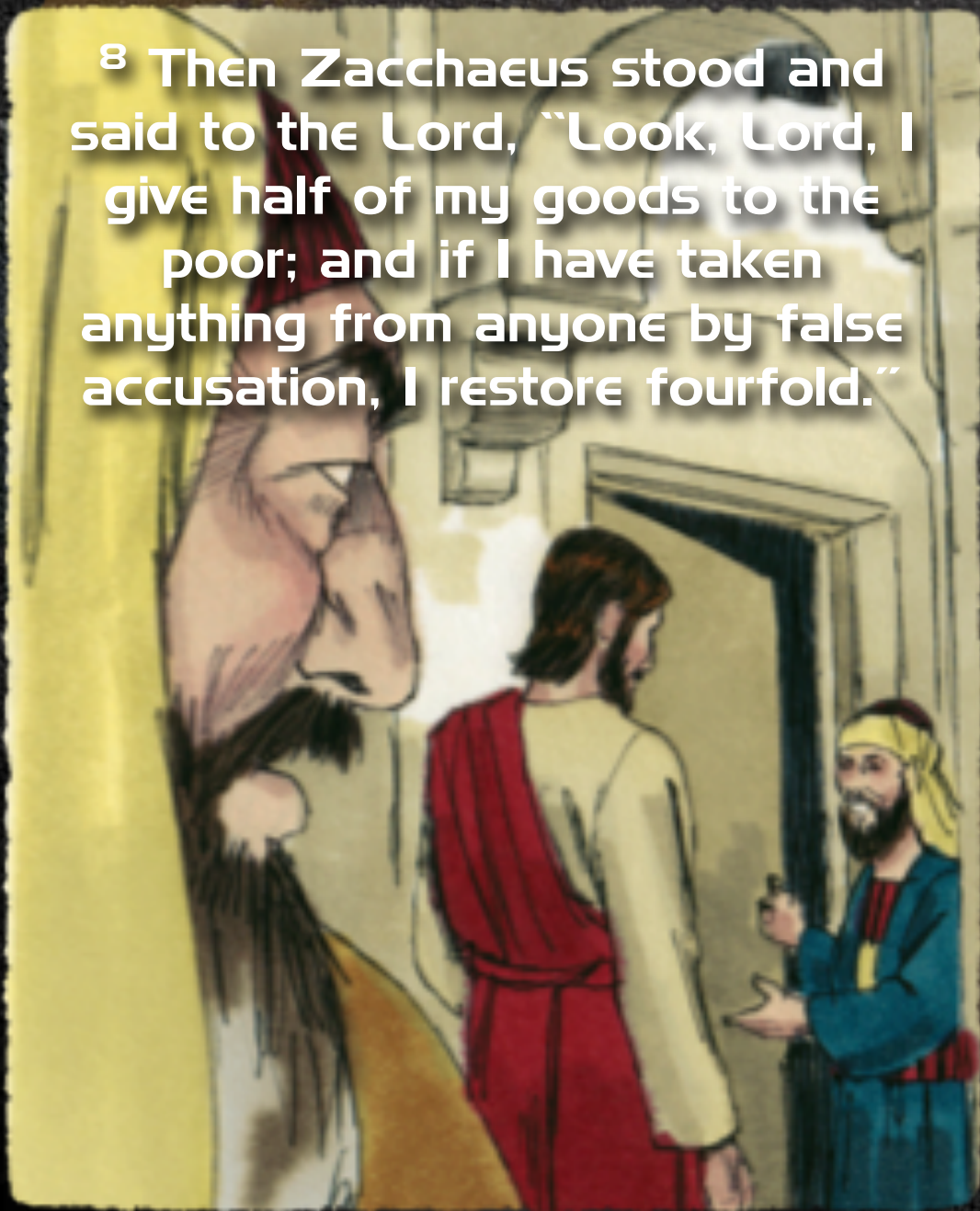
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➤ **"Look, Lord, I give"**

● Not that Zacchaeus had been practicing this, but that he wished to change now

➤ **He will correct unjust collections by repaying fourfold**



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“Zacchaeus stood to give emphasis and publicity to his words. He does not mean that he is in the habit of giving half his goods to the poor, but that he does so now, immediately, on the spot, without delay. He does not merely promise to do so hereafter, or to make such a provision in his will.”

(J. W. McGarvey, The Fourfold Gospel, pg. 563)



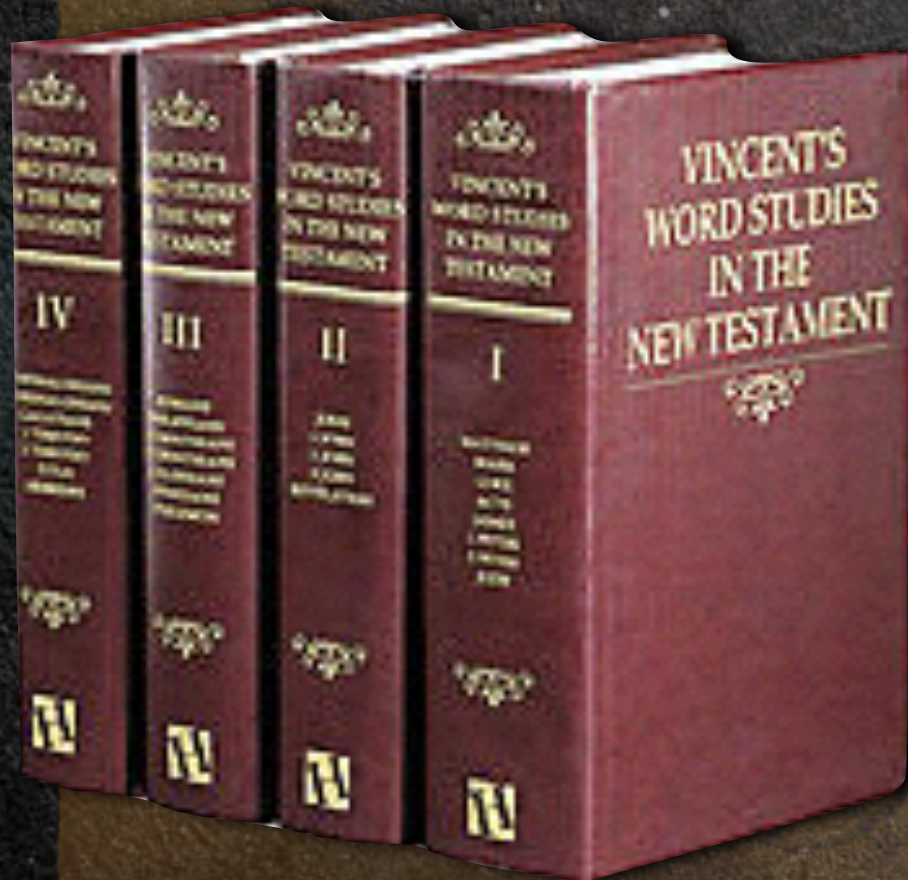


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**"I give"** - Not, It is my practice to give. Zacchaeus' statement is not a *vindication*, but a vow. "I now give by way of restoration."

**"If I have taken anything by false accusation"** (εἴ τι ἔσυκοφάντησα). *If—anything* does not state a merely possible case, as if Zacchaeus were unconscious of any such extortion; but is a milder way of saying *"Whatever I have taken."*

Vincent, M. R. (1887).  
*Word studies in the  
New Testament.*



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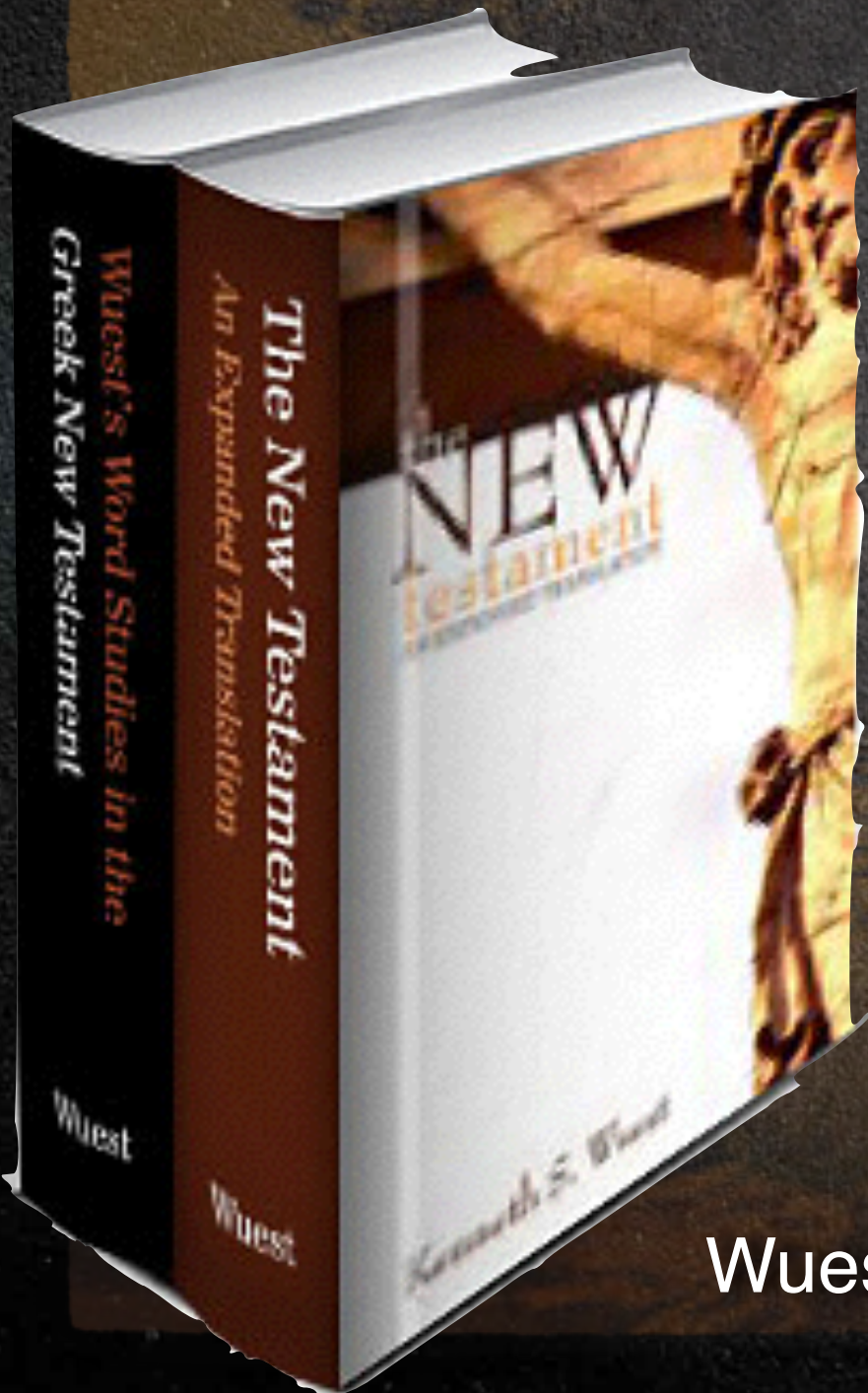
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“And Zacchaeus, having come to a standstill, said to the Lord, Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I now give at once to the poor. And since I have wrongfully exacted something from some individual, I now restore at once four times as much.”

Wuest, K. S. (1961). The New Testament: An expanded translation. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.





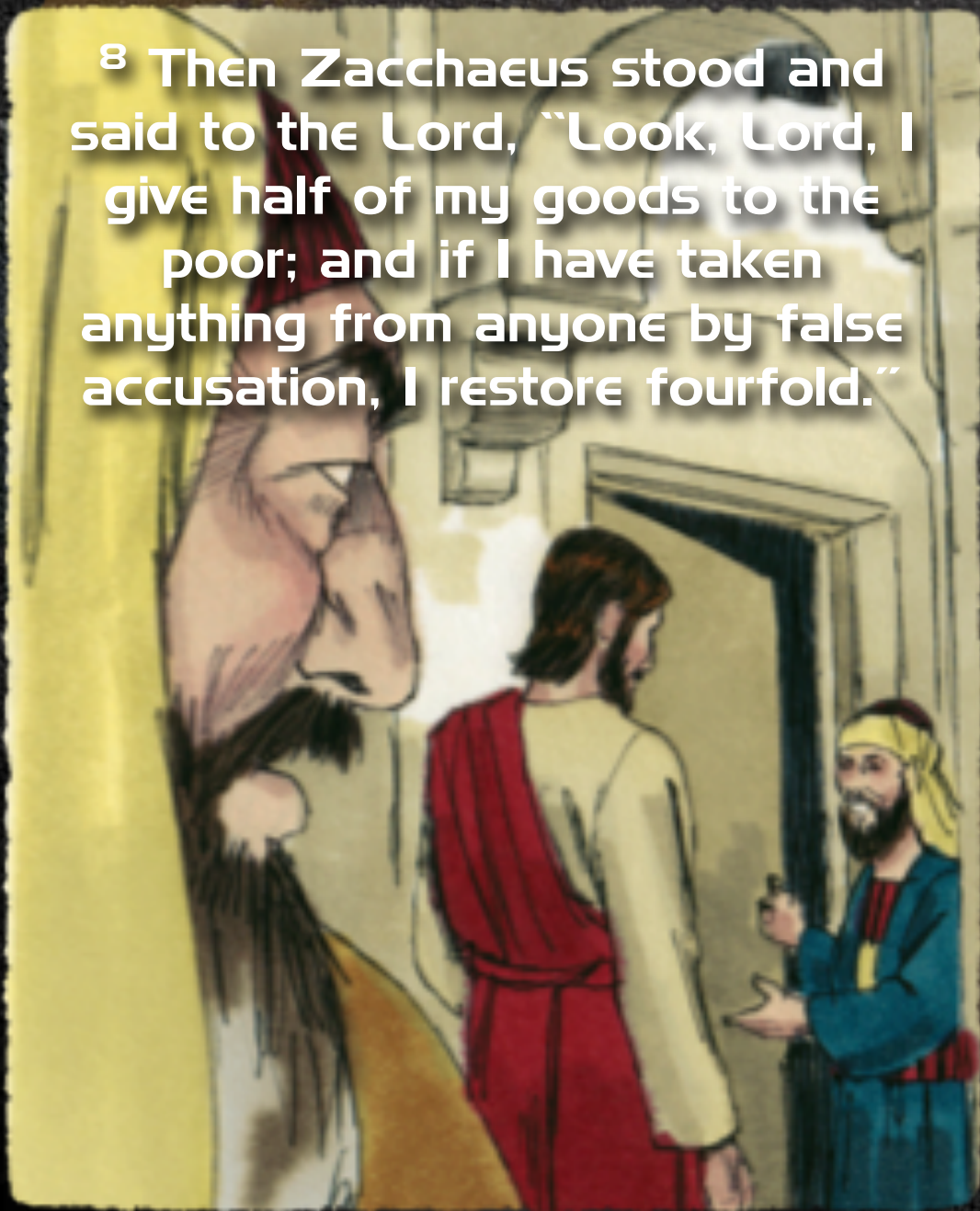
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➤ **50% of my possessions to the poor**

- Law required 10% (Deut 14:22)

➤ **Admission of wrongdoing -**

- The Law required 120% for fraud (Num 5:6-7)
- The Law required 400% for theft - (Ex 22:1) (could not have satisfied his vow if fraud was his common practice)

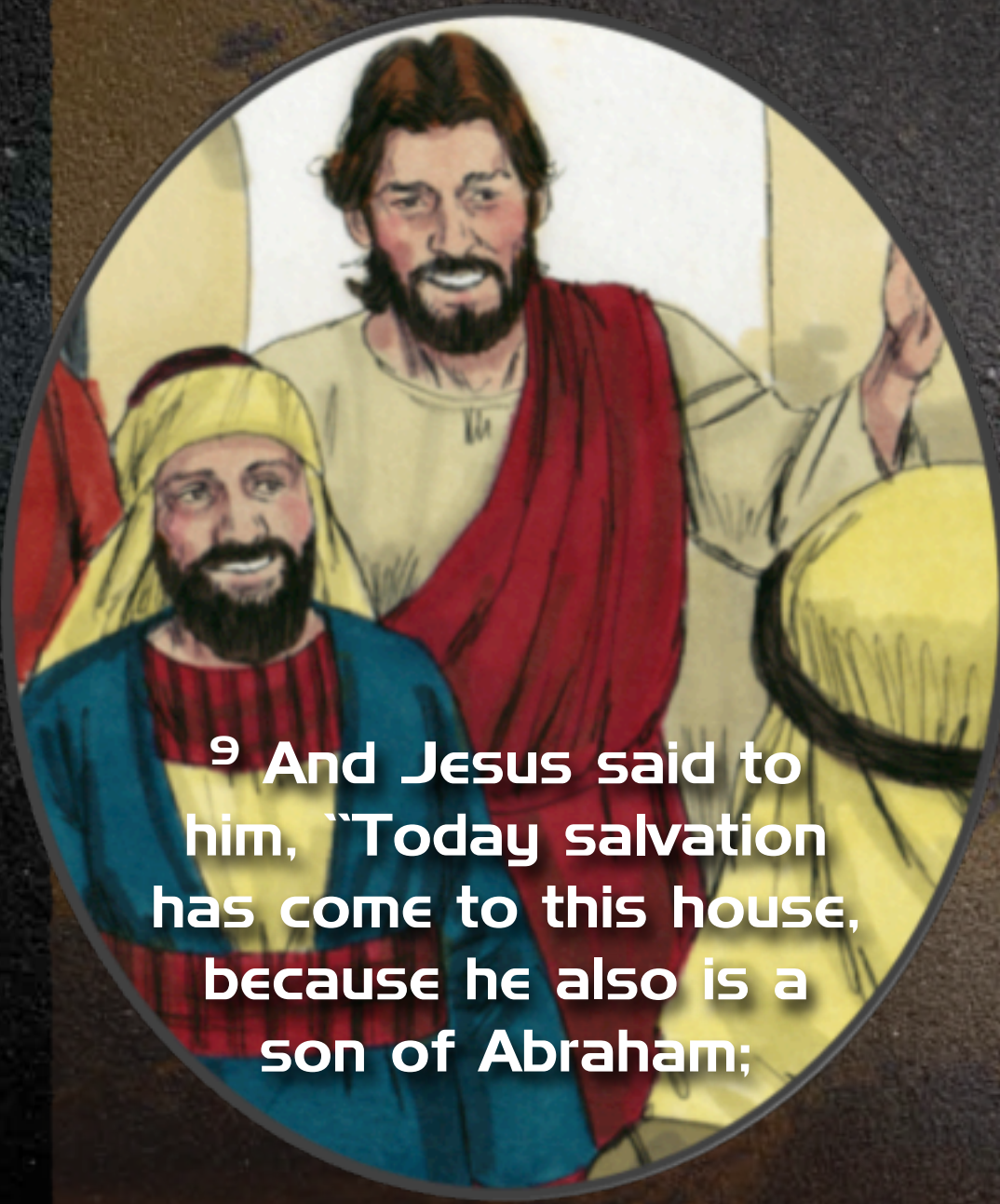


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# Jesus' Blessing - Luke 19:9



<sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;

## ➤ Salvation

- Already a son of Abraham physically - John 8 - Now a son of Abraham spiritually - Faith and trust in God - Gal 3:26-29
- Not seeking earthly treasures - compare w/ rich young ruler of Luke 18:18-23



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# Applications



➤ **No one is too sinful for God to save**

- Regardless of what they have done - if they are willing to come to Jesus - believe in Him, repent of their sins & obey Jesus any one can be saved! - Acts 8,9,16; 1 Cor. 6:9-11...



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➤ **We need to place ourselves in position to “see” the Lord**

- Faith comes by hearing, & hearing by the word of God - Rom 10:17
- Jesus can be found in the scriptures & His light can shine through His disciples - Mat 5:13-16; Phil 2:12-16



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➤ **We will need to fight through both external & internal obstacles to know & follow Jesus**

- Physical deficiencies
- Wealth / Business concerns
- Social status
- Past behavior
- Crowd / Relationships



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# Applications



- **It is possible that someone we consider highly unlikely to obey the gospel - will!**
- How can we know the effect the gospel will have on someone until they hear it?



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➤ **We should NEVER be resentful or unhappy when ANY sinner expresses interest in obeying Jesus!**

- A loving response can be the difference - Phil 4:15; Rom 12:9
- The Jews often had this "self-righteous" resentment -



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➤ **Serving Jesus requires genuine repentance - which results in a changed life!**

- A desire to make right one's previous wrongs is a manifestation of genuine repentance - Mt 3:8; Acts 19,19; 26:20
- Not always possible - but when possible - it must be done! - (Example of Paul)



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**10 for the Son of Man has come  
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HE came to  
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AND  
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you



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# LUKE 18:18-27

(NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

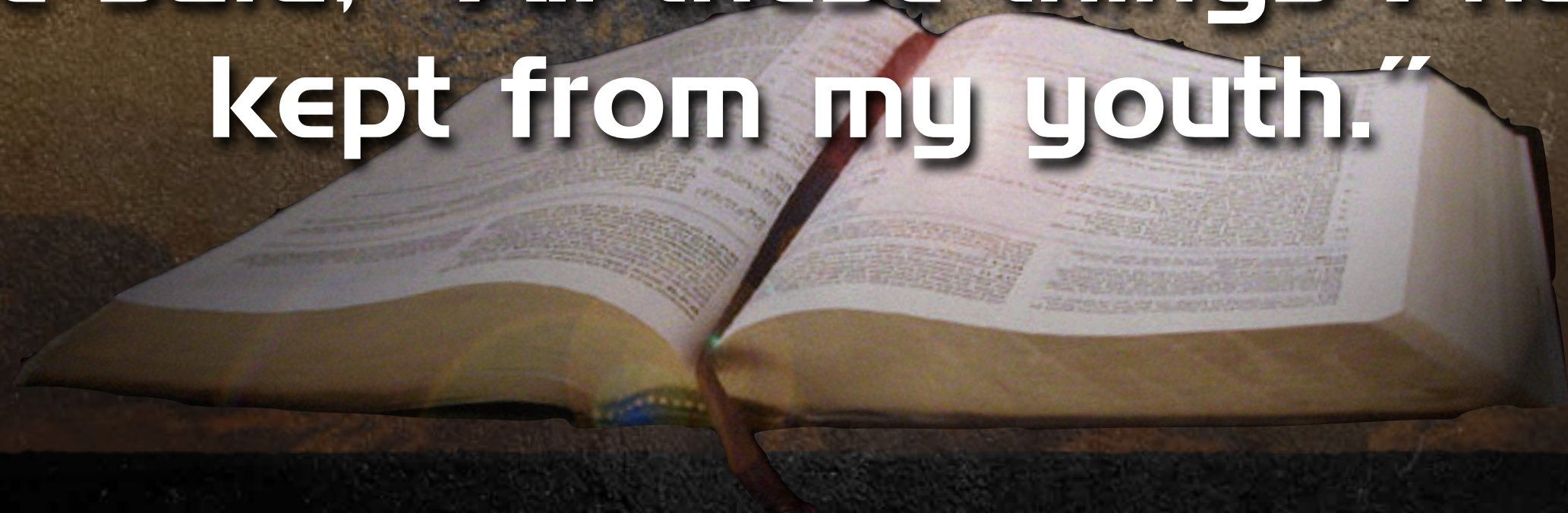




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<sup>20</sup> You know the commandments:  
‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not  
murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not  
bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your  
father and your mother.’ ” <sup>21</sup> And  
he said, “All these things I have  
kept from my youth.”

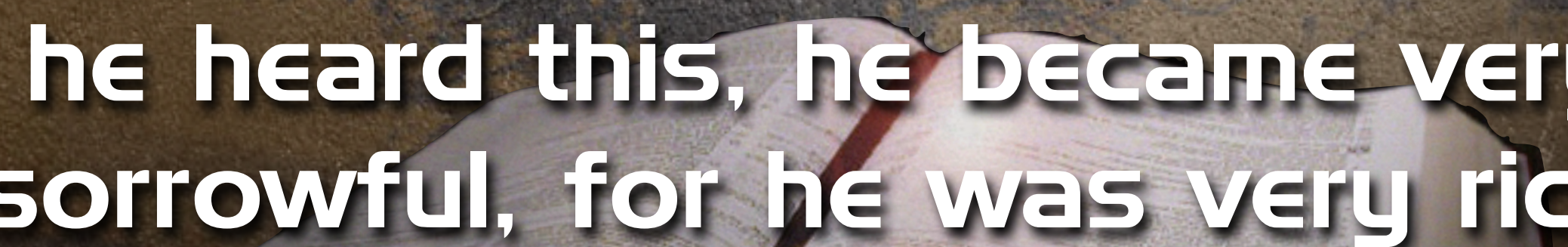




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<sup>22</sup> So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." <sup>23</sup> But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.





# LUKE 18:18-27

(NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."





# LUKE 18:18-27

(NKJV)

**26** And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" **27** But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

