

We have discussed the value of follow up: Matthew: More Opportunity. Peter: Miracles. Now looking at Zacchaeus: People can get a greater revelation of salvation when you follow up.

Luke 19:5–10 (NKJV) 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.” 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.”

⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

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

I THE NEED FOR REVELATION:

A- Salvation is a miracle! It is revelation that allows people to get saved-

1. A revelation is simply the ability to see things clearly-
2. Q: So what needs to be seen clearly?
 - a. True Condition, the Need for a Savior, the Need for Repentance
3. In our passage Zacchaeus there was a drawing to Jesus, but the revelation was limited-
 - a. **Luke 19:3** And he sought to see who Jesus was...

B- This is something we need to pray for: REVELATION

1. For our witnessing & Outreaches... and for our New Converts.

II THE PATH OF REVELATION:

A- Revelation can come in a variety of ways

1. HG Deposit: God deposits it into a person
 - a. **Matt16:17** Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.
2. Preaching: When the word is declared it breaks through into the hearts of people
 - a. **Rom10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
3. Miracles: Miracles frequently give revelation about who Jesus is
 - a. **John 11:45** Many of the people, who had come to visit Mary and saw what Jesus did, believed in him.
 - i. At the raising of Lazarus from the tomb, this miracle unlocked revelation.
4. Follow up: In our passage, Zacchaeus gained a greater revelation while Jesus was following up with him
 - a. **Luke 19:8** Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.
 - i. The revelation of making things right, getting things in order with God and people happened by follow up
 - ii We don’t know all the details behind it, but something about Jesus being in his home and what he said led to this
 - b. The same can be true for you! By following up, what doesn’t happen in deposits, preaching or miracles... can happen when you are working with people at their level and where they are at.
 - i. I have had people get rid of alcohol, vapes, pills, religious images and idols, get married... in a follow up
 - ii I have had people make decisions about TV, Movies, & entertainment through follow up
 - iii Its a REVELATION that can take place naturally and organically

III THE JOY OF REVELATION:

A- Joy is tied to revelation; **Luke 19:9** And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

1. Salvation is here! There is no greater joy than when someone gets it!
 - a. **Jn4:32** But Jesus replied, “I have a kind of food you know nothing about.” ...Woman at the well GOT IT!
 - i. Wranglers dinner: Talking about it later my daughter said *You like like a kid at Disney land*
2. There’s the joy of another soul locked in! You become part of finding what was lost! LIFE CHANGE!