



“Outcasts”

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In our society we tend to base our self-worth on four things:

- 1 - By our _____
- 2 - By our _____
- 3 - By our _____
- 4 - By our _____

“Jesus entered Jericho and made His way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was one of the most influential Jews in the Roman tax collecting business; and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowds. So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree beside the road, so he could watch from there.” Luke 19:1-4

To be a Tax Collector...

You had to _____ a Roman Official
You made your _____ by _____ people on their _____

A Jewish man who was a Roman tax collector meant three things.

- 1. Your family would _____ you.
- 2. You would never be allowed to _____ in the _____
- 3. You’d be looked at as bad as a _____

3 TRUTHS ABOUT JESUS’ LOVE

TRUTH # 1 - JESUS _____ YOU!

“When Jesus came by, He looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! For I must be a guest in your home today.” - Luke 19:5

“And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to Him than a whole flock of sparrows.”
- Luke 12:17

TRUTH # 2 - JESUS _____ YOU _____

“See, I have written your name on My hand....” - Isaiah 49:16a

TRUTH # 3 - JESUS _____ YOU.

“But the crowds were displeased” they said, “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.” - Luke 19:7

HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE?

“Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house with great excitement and joy.”
“Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have overcharged people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much.’” Jesus responded, *“Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a son of Abraham.”* - Luke 19:6, 8,9

(Appearance, Achievement, Approval, Affluence, Bribe, Salary, Overcharging, Taxes, Disown, Worship, Synagogue, Murderer, Notices, Lifts, Up, Wants)

Memory verse: *““See, I have written your name on My hand....”*
- Isaiah 49:16a

My Next Step Today is...

- Memorize Isaiah 49:16a
- How does the love of God impact your life? How should it?
- What reminds you that Jesus loves you?
- I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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