

SUNDAY SCHOOL Section Review

THE TESTIMONY OF FAITHFUL WITNESSES

Faithful Witnesses Say 'Yes' to Jesus

■ 7/5: **Matthew 8:5 – 13**

The Roman Centurion acted on His faith in asking Jesus to heal his servant, the same way he would order a soldier to do his bidding, to the astonishment of Jesus on how faith works

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- **7/5: Mark 8:27-29; Luke 22:31-34; John 18:25-27; 21:15-17**

Peter, after denying Jesus 3 times witnessed the power of forgiveness and was given the 3-fold task to lead and to care for all in the Church

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Zacchaeus, Repentant Tax
Collector

Luke 19:1 – 10

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Jesus Counsels the
Rich Young Ruler



LUKE 18:18 – 19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God."

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LUKE 18:20 – 21 (NKJV)

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LUKE 18:22 (NKJV)

²² 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."

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LUKE 18:23 (NKJV)

²³ But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

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Jesus Comes to
Zacchaeus' House



LUKE 19:1 – 2 (NKJV)

¹ Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. ² Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

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LUKE 19:3 – 4 (NKJV)

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

⁴ So he ran ahead and **climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him**, for He was going to pass that way

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LUKE 18:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

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Commentary: Child-like Faith

- Zaccheus, like the ruler was defined by his status and wealth. It is unlikely though that men was such status would go to such extremes to see Jesus, rather they expect people to see or wait on them

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Commentary: Child-like Faith

- Zaccheus did not let his height become a limiting factor either. He found a way to stand above the crowd, letting go his social status to do so – i.e. he humbled himself to that of a child to see Jesus. Will we do the same?

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LUKE 19:5 (NKJV)

⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up ^[a]and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, ^[b]make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”

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LUKE 19:6 – 7 (NKJV)

⁶ So he [c]made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

⁷ But when they saw it, they all [d]complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

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Commentary: Tax Collectors

- Throughout the Gospels, tax collectors are the most despised in society:
 - They collected taxes
 - They were fellow Jews who worked for 'The Man'
 - They cheated people they collected from
 - They often got rich by doing so

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Commentary: Tax Collectors

- But one of Jesus' first Disciples was a tax collector (Matthew/Levi – Mark 2:14) and he dined with and reached several tax collectors (Mark 2:15) which also brought Jesus scorn and ridicule (Mark 2:16), but these were the very people Jesus came to save (Mark 2:17)

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LUKE 19:8 (NKJV)

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."

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LUKE 19:9 – 10 (NKJV)

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."

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Commentary: Repentance

- We do not know what motivated Zaccheus and other tax collectors to see or seek Jesus, but it wasn't just their belief in who He was that mattered.
- It was also their actions that followed. Unlike the rich young ruler, Zaccheus was willing to give up his riches to follow

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Commentary: Repentance

- In doing so, Zaccheus practiced true repentance, not just strict religious observance as the young ruler did – it was what he was willing to do, not just what he was willing not to do – to work for change and to care for those in need (Matthew 25:31 – 46)

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Commentary: Repentance

- And what of our attitude towards others? Will it be one of judgement? Or to do as Jesus did – to minister with compassion to those who are lost?
- To not act self-righteously, knowing that we too have received grace and mercy from God (**Luke 18**)

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MATTHEW 21:31b (NKJV)

³¹ Then Jesus explained his meaning: "I tell you the truth, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do."

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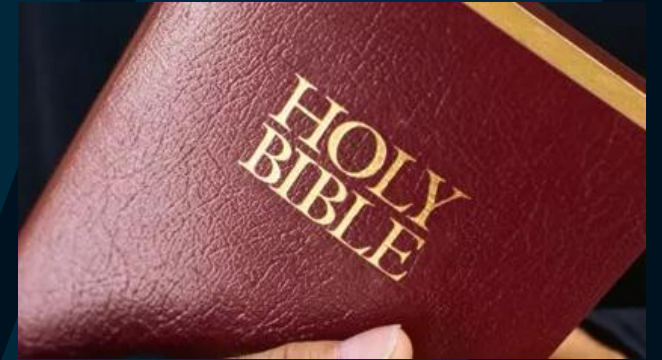
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MATTHEW 21:32 (NKJV)

³² For John the Baptist came and showed you the right way to live, but you didn't believe him, while tax collectors and prostitutes did. And even when you saw this happening, you refused to believe him and repent of your sins.

Summer Reading



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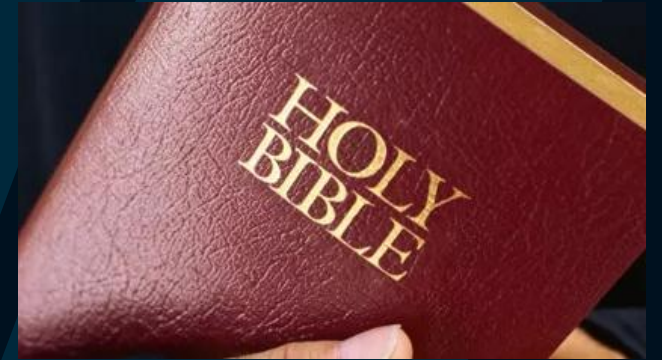
- The Book Ends of your life:
 - Acts 17:24-31 (Start)
 - Romans 8:29 (End)
- The meaning of the Old Testament
 - Galatians 3

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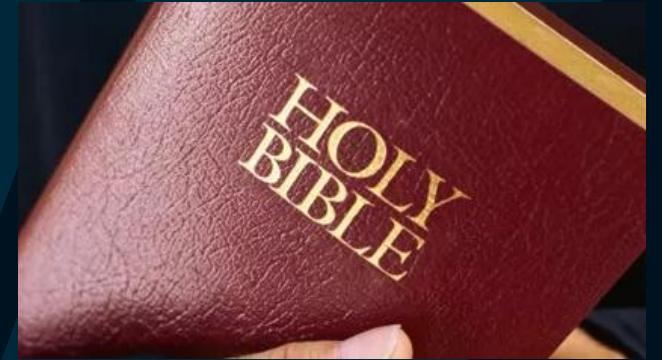
- The Essence of Jesus Teaching:
 - Matthew 5,6,7
 - Matthew 18:9-14
 - Matthew 22:39
 - Matthew 25:31-46



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The CORE SCRIPTURES:

- What angered Jesus the most:
 - Religious Profits
 - **Matthew 21:12-13**
 - Religious Abuse
 - **Matthew 24**
- On Religious Practice
 - **Colossians 2:11-23**



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The CORE SCRIPTURES:

- On Salvation
 - Romans 10
- On Tolerance and Liberty:
 - Romans 14

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Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a Christian
Every Christian a worker
Every worker trained
A worker that will not be ashamed
This we ask in Jesus' name

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Church School Benediction

We have come

We have studied

We have learned

So until our next coming together

To study God's word

May His rich blessings reside with you

And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN