



**November 3 2019 // Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time // Lectionary: 153 // Gospel LK 19:1-10**

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."



**Spiritual Reflection:** Zacchaeus had to climb a tree in order to see over the crowd to see the Truth (Jesus Christ). Sometimes in our own lives we have to ask God to help us climb up the tree of life (the Cross) in order to see over the clamor of the crowd in order to see the real truth of the situation.

**Spiritual Questions:**

1. Where do you go to get news about the Church?
2. Where do you go to get information and/or clarification over Church's teaching?
3. Where are you willing to do to discover the truth?
4. Are you willing to look like a fool in order to find the truth?
5. How did Jesus convert Zacchaeus?