

In today's Gospel, Luke 19:1-10, we hear of a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector. As Jesus Christ was entering Jericho to pass through, Zacchaeus was curious to see who He was and decided to climb up a sycamore tree to see Him as he passed by. Jesus Christ looked at him and told him to come down for He would be staying at his house. Zacchaeus did as the Lord told him and received Him as it is written joyfully.

Dearest ones, Zacchaeus climbed up the sycamore tree in search of the truth, in search of Who Christ Jesus is, and in response our Lord and Savior went to Zacchaeus' home since He was received. For over 2000 years Christ Jesus has passed through the cities of the world, and He is known to almost all of humanity. However, how many of us go beyond knowing to having a personal relationship with Him?

This is what Zacchaeus did, with great joy he began a personal relationship with Christ Jesus, and as a result repented from his old ways giving to the poor and restoring fourfold if he had defrauded anyone. He became anew with the light of Jesus Christ. Let us too, strive for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in which we invite Him into our lives, into our homes with great zeal. It is then that we may wholeheartedly exclaim, glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever, amen.