

2. Everyone crowded the streets to see Jesus as he traveled through Jericho. Since people didn't like Zacchaeus, they wouldn't let him in the front even though he was short! He climbed a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus. When Jesus saw Zacchaeus, he called to him.



3. "Come down, Zacchaeus. I am having dinner at your house!" What an honor! Zacchaeus was thrilled. The crowd became upset and grumbled because he worked for the Roman government. They thought Zacchaeus made them pay extra money and would then keep it for himself.



1. There once was a rich tax collector named Zacchaeus who lived in Jericho. Most people did not like Zacchaeus because he worked for the Romans, and the Romans ruled the Jewish people harshly.



4. Zacchaeus explained to Jesus that the people see him wrongly. He takes care of his community. Jesus helps the crowd see they should welcome Zacchaeus because he is part of God's family.