

Sunday of Zacchaeus. The Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna

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Coloring Icons

The Calling of Zacchaeus



1 Timothy 4:9-15

9 THIS SAYING CAN BE TRUSTED AND MERITS COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE. 10 FOR THIS IS WHY WE TOIL AND STRUGGLE, BECAUSE WE HAVE PLACED OUR HOPE IN THE LIVING GOD, WHO IS THE SAVIOR OF ALL, ESPECIALLY OF ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

11 PASTORAL DUTIES. THESE ARE THE THINGS YOU MUST INSIST UPON IN YOUR TEACHING. 12 LET NO ONE REGARD YOU WITH CONTEMPT BECAUSE OF YOUR YOUTH, BUT SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE BELIEVERS IN YOUR SPEECH AND CONDUCT, IN YOUR LOVE, YOUR FAITH, AND YOUR PURITY.

13 UNTIL I ARRIVE, DEVOTE YOURSELF TO READING,^[A] TO EXHORTATION, AND TO TEACHING. 14 DO NOT NEGLECT THE GIFT THAT WAS BESTOWED UPON YOU WHEN, AS A RESULT OF PROPHECY, THE ELDERS LAID THEIR HANDS ON YOU.^[B]

15 MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS AND PUT THEM INTO PRACTICE SO THAT YOUR PROGRESS MAY BE EVIDENT TO EVERYONE.

1 Timothy 4:9-15

It is indisputable that a lesser person is blessed by one who is greater. 8 In the one case, it is ordinary mortal men who receive tithes; in the other, the recipient is one of whom it is attested that he is alive. 9 One could even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, actually paid tithes through Abraham, 10 inasmuch as he was still in his father's loins when Melchizedek met Abraham.

11 Another High Priest according to the Order of Melchizedek.^[a] If perfection was therefore achieved through the Levitical priesthood, on the basis of which the Law was given to the people, what need would there have been for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek rather than one according to the order of Aaron? 12 For when there is any change in the priesthood, there must also be a change in the Law.

13 Now the one about whom these things were said belonged to a different tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. 14 For it is clear that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe about which Moses said nothing in regard to priests.

15 This becomes even more obvious now that another priest has arisen, one like Melchizedek, 16 who was one not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is attested of him:

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Luke 19:1-10

1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2 A man there, named Zacchaeus, was a chief tax collector and a rich man. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but since he was short in stature, he could not see him because of the crowd. 4 Therefore, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to catch a glimpse of him for he was going to pass that way.

5 When he reached that spot, Jesus looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” 6 Zacchaeus came down quickly and welcomed him joyfully.

7 When the people observed this, they began to complain, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” 8 But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, I intend to give half of everything I possess to the poor, and if I have defrauded someone of anything, I will repay that amount four times over.”

9 Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man has come to seek out and to save what was lost.”

Luke 2:22-40

When the days for their purification were completed according to the Law of Moses, they brought the child up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, 23 as it is prescribed in the Law of the Lord: “Every firstborn male shall be consecrated to the Lord,” 24 and to offer a sacrifice in accordance with what is stated in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

25 The Prophecy of Simeon. At that time, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This upright and devout man was awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not experience death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

27 Prompted by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was required by the Law, 28 he took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 “Now, Lord, you may dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples,

32 a light of revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel.”

33 The child’s father and mother marveled at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother: “This child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed, 35 so that the secret thoughts of many will be revealed, and you yourself a sword will pierce.”

36 The Witness of Anna. There was also present a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very advanced in years, having lived with her husband for seven years after their marriage, 37 and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment, she came forward and began to praise God, while she spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

39 The Return to Nazareth. When they had fulfilled everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and God’s favor was upon him.

Caught you Listening

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Zaccheus was lost, and Jesus Christ came to seek and save him. Jesus brought a great gift with him to Zaccheus' house. Follow the instructions to change the word "LOST" into the name of Jesus' gift.

L O S T

Move the 'S' to the beginning.

Add the letter A after the S

Add another letter A before the T.

Add a 'V' after the L.

Move the 'O' to the end of the word.

Add the letter "i" as the second to last vowel.

End the word with the letter N.

Notes

Luke 19:1-10

S J Q Q Z T M V X P C M T U W
U D M J F A O W T K L H U T L
D N H L E G C L Y F J O I O A
L X O B F S X C T Z S Y S E V
J Q U O B V U E H B E W M T F
J E R I C H O S N A P H W D H
F L H H H I I P V X E V L C B
A P F O A U L P Z E J U L Y U
L F O U F P S E A D N U S E O
R E Q S W W H K Q B U T H K Q
I G Z E A Q O X H A L F X C B
C Y H U A B R A H A M A G Z D
H S U V E G T N E E F T R E E
R K I S Y C A M O R E W P U X
S R Z A Y C T Z Q Q N T W L A

Zacchaeus

sycamore

Jericho

rich

Abraham

chief

short

lost

Jesus

house

half

tree

Prayer before Communion

O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.

ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.

O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.

Prayer for Vocations

O GOD, GREAT IN MIGHT AND INSCRUTABLE IN WISDOM, MARVELOUS IN COUNSEL ABOVE THE SONS OF MEN, FATHER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS: YOU THE SAME LORD, ENLIGHTEN WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CALL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD! GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO THEIR VOCATION, FOR YOU COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING! GIVE TO THE PARENTS THAT FAITH, LOVE AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE WHICH WILL INSPIRE THEM TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN TO YOUR SERVICE AND REJOICE WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN IS CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN A SPECIAL WAY OF PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION. WE IMPLORE YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOST PURE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY!

AMEN!