Jesus went to Jericho. He was passing through.
A man named Zacchaeus lived there. He was a tax collector. He was very rich.
Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was. But he was a short man. He could not see Jesus. There were too many people.

Zacchaeus ran ahead of Jesus. He climbed up a tree. Jesus was coming that way. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus.
Jesus got to the spot where Zacchaeus was. Jesus looked up. He said, “Zacchaeus, come down right now. I must stay at your house.”

So Zacchaeus came down right away. He was happy to be with Jesus.
All the people saw this. They spoke softly to each other.

They said, “Jesus has gone to the house of a sinner.”
Zacchaeus stood up. He said, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give back half of all I have to the poor. And if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay it back. I will pay back four times what I took.”

Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “Today you have been saved. I came to look for the lost and save them.”