



# JESUS AS THE METAPHORICAL THEOLOGIAN

PARABLES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

# STORY OF ZACCHEAUS AND PARABLE OF THE TEN MINAS

LUKE CHAPTER 19



# Visio Divina for Evangelicals

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*Using Art & Scripture*





### Focus on the image:

- First impressions – What is the first thing that catches your eye?
- Thoughts – What comes to mind as you view the image?
- Emotions – What emotions arise as you look deeper at the image?
- Details - Notice color, shape, contrast, lighting, etc.

**The drama (historical event) is supported by the parable:**

**Zacchaeus:**

**Jewish tax collector; wealthy.**

**Ranking Roman official who climbs a tree.**

**The drama (historical event) is supported by the parable:**

**Jesus:**

**Traveling to the Passover celebration and the cross in Jerusalem.**

**Jesus sees Zacchaeus and calls him by name.**

**The drama (historical event) is supported by the parable:**

**Crowd:**

**Following Jesus**

**Hates Zacchaeus**

**Sees Jesus as righteous / Sees Zacchaeus as a sinner**

## **Repentance in 1<sup>st</sup> century Judaism :**

**You must do three things:**

- 1. Confess sin**
- 2. Make compensation**
- 3. Demonstrate sincerity**



**Jesus' call:**

**It is NOT – Zaccheaus clean up your life!**

**It is – I'm coming to your house today!**

## Zaccheaus' hearing and heart:

- A. Jesus enters Jericho and passes through (v.1)
- B. Zacchaeus seeks to see Jesus but cannot (v.2–3)
- C. Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see Jesus (v.4)
- D. Jesus calls Zacchaeus by name and invites Himself to his house (v.5)
- C'. Zacchaeus hurries down and receives Jesus joyfully (v.6)
- B'. The crowd grumbles—Zacchaeus is a sinner (v.7)
- A'. Zacchaeus is transformed, and Jesus declares salvation has come (v.8–10)

## **The question of discipleship in the parable:**

**Nobleman travels to a far-off land to be appointed king.**

**Gives investment to disciples to do business while nobleman is gone.**

**Engage in trade “because” I am coming back.**

**Go to the marketplace, hang up my picture, conduct business in my name.**

**His citizens hated the nobleman; “we don’t want this guy to reign”.**

# The question of discipleship in the parable:

The “KING” returns:

How much business have you transacted?

Let the whole world know you were my employee.

(Believed the promise)

OR

Quietly hid from the marketplace. (Did NOT Believe the promise)

# Structure of the parable:

- A. Introduction: Jesus tells a parable because people expect the kingdom to appear immediately (v.11)
- B. A nobleman goes to receive a kingdom and return (v.12)
- C. He gives ten servants one mina each and commands them to do business (v.13)
- D. Citizens hate him and send a delegation to reject his rule (v.14)
- C'. The nobleman returns as king and calls his servants to account (v.15)
  - Reward to the first servant: 10 minas → 10 cities (v.16–17)
  - Reward to the second: 5 minas → 5 cities (v.18–19)
  - Rebuke to the third: hid mina out of fear (v.20–23)
  - Mina is taken and given to the one with ten (v.24–26)
- B'. The king exercises authority over his servants (rewards and discipline) (v.24–26)
- A'. Conclusion: Enemies are slain who rejected his kingship (v.27)

