

Car Qs

Sunday, January 14th



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1. What kind of job does Zacchaeus have?
2. True or false: Zacchaeus is a very tall man.
3. Why were other people unhappy that Jesus was going to stay with Zacchaeus?

Praying Together:

Lord Jesus,
Through Zacchaeus' story you showed us that you forgive all sinners, no matter what they have done. Help us to admit when we've done something wrong and ask your forgiveness.
Amen.

Parents' Cheat Sheet - Car Qs

Jan. 14/18, Zacchaeus Sunday (Leave-taking of the Feast of the Holy Theophany)

1. What kind of job does Zacchaeus have?
 1. He is a tax collector.
 2. When the Romans took over rule of Israel, they established a taxation system where “private syndicates” collected the money owed, making it very easy to “make a large profit by overcollecting.”¹ This is what Zacchaeus does.
2. True or false: Zacchaeus is a very tall man.
 1. False. Zacchaeus is a very short man.
 2. Climbing a tree is not something that a regular man would do, so Zacchaeus must have been very short compared to other men.
 3. By climbing a tree, Zacchaeus also reveals that he’s intrigued by Jesus, to the point that he risks making a fool of himself by climbing the tree, something St. Paul talks about in his First Letter to the Corinthians², and St. Andrew the Fool-for-Christ³ models in his own life.
3. Why were other people unhappy that Jesus was going to stay with Zacchaeus?
 1. The other people complained that Zacchaeus was a sinner, because he would collect more money than the Romans required and keep the excess himself.
 2. Mosaic law (that which came from Moses) gives 613 rules that people of the Jewish faith need to follow. These are mandatory rules, so to break any of them is sinful.⁴
 1. What Jesus teaches, however, is that it doesn’t matter if the Law is kept externally if internally one’s heart is hardened. Therefore, Zacchaeus, though he has done wrong in the past, is forgiven because he changes internally, which then changes his external actions.
 3. The Jewish people were also not fond of the Romans who had taken over as the ruling power. Anyone who would cooperate with the Romans was seen as a traitor and a sinner. The fact that Zacchaeus works for the Roman government is a further strike against him.

¹ See “Living Under the Romans” at http://www.sbofimbk.org/eng/Research/Early_christianity/early_christianity_0001.html.

² 1 Corinthians 4: 1-13

³ Check out *A Byzantine Rite: Liturgical Year*. The Fest of the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God. More info on Orthodox Church in America’s website (<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2000/10/02/102838-blessed-andrew-the-fool-for-christ-at-constantinople>)

⁴ Check out The Jewish Encyclopedia for more info: <http://jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/4566-commandments-the-613>.