

MESSAGE NOTES



Series: I Deserve It
Message: I Deserve Rejection,
But He Gave Me Acceptance
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Once you're accepted, you're accepted.

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich.

Luke 19:1-2 (NLT)

³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

Luke 19:3-4 (NLT)

⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."
⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷ But the people

were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

Luke 19:5-7 (NLT)

Jesus doesn't ignore you but invites you into a relationship.

Instead of giving you what you deserve, Jesus gives you what you need.

⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" ⁹ Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 19:8-10 (NLT)

The tree Zacchaeus was different than the free Zacchaeus.

Instead of changing to get Jesus' acceptance, the change happens after being accepted.

Even when people reject you, Jesus doesn't change His acceptance of you.

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:
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