

## It's Party Time (Celebrate New Birth)

Luke 19:1-10

History is divided into **BC** (before **Christ**) and **AD** (anno domini, Latin for **year of our Lord**)

### Old Life: BC—Before Christ

#### BC 1. **Alienated:**

*A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.* —Luke 19:2

Zacchaeus' sinfulness is described threefold.

- **Tax collector**, hated sinner
- **Chief** tax collector: chief of hated sinners
- **Rich**, worst of all, he got rich from over taxing poor folks.

#### BC 2. **Blinded:**

*He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd.* —Luke 19:3

- Blind to the **Good News**—2 Corinthians 4:3-4
- **Unbelieving**—refuse to believe in Jesus, John 3:1
- **Perishing**—condemned, John 3:18

#### BC 3. **Bound** by sin.

*Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?* —Romans 6:16

#### BC 4. **Lost:** Not knowing the way forward. How to start over.

*So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree...* —Luke 19:4

Jesus **equates** lostness with death.

*“But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”* —Luke 15:32

*“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”* —1 John 5:12

## AD--New Life in Christ

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!.*  
—2 Corinthians 5:17

### AD 1. **Reconciled** to God. (Not alienated)

<sup>1</sup>*Jesus entered Jericho...<sup>4b</sup> since Jesus was coming that way.* —Luke 19:1, 4

- God **devised** the plan of salvation.
- Jesus came into our **history**.
- Jesus offers salvation to **each** of us.

### AD 2. **See:** (not blind) Jesus stopped before him.

*When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."* —Luke 19:5

### AD 3. **Delivered:** (Not bound by sin)

*"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."* —Luke 19:8

No more bound by sin and false gods.

- Delivered from his bondage to **wealth**.
- **Repaid** anyone he cheated.
- Generously **gave** his riches away.

### AD 4. **Found:**

*Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."* —Luke 19:9-10

- We find **Christ**.
- We find **ourselves**—Matthew 16:25
- We find **life**—being found means being alive

*"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."*  
—Ephesians 2:4-5

Memory Verse:

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."* —Luke 19:10

