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For

My Lord My God

“Zacchaeus”

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EXT. JERICHO CITY - DAY

Long view of Jericho city; people are busy with many activities.

An area of a city; a tax collection check post where many carts filled with goods are waiting in a queue for paying tax for the products. The carts like bullock cart, some with horse, and some with donkeys.

Some poor people are carrying load on the top of a donkey.

Three tax collectors (one middle aged looking man with trimmed beard who looks like the senior among them with tough body and rough looks, two young macho men with arrogant looks-no beard) are staring at the tax payers in the opposite side.

A 12 year old boy and ten year old girl is there. They are observing the situations.

4 poor tax payers (a tall lean man with long white beard and feeble eyes, a hunchback old man with a long stick, a middle-aged man with matured looks, a young man carrying a small luggage in his back, - everybody wear poor and scratched clothes) are standing with obedience and fear.

Two of them pays tax to the collectors but the third one (tall lean man with long white beard and feeble eyes) does not. He is a poor man who has goods on the donkey.

SENIOR TAX COLLECTOR asks angrily
What's special for you? You too have to pay.

Poor man (helplessness, poverty, anxiety etc such expressions can be seen in his face) looks at his coins in hand and pleads.

POOR TAX PAYER
I am poor. Please spare me.
Please don't take this.

Tax collector 2 angrily shouts.

SENIOR TAX COLLECTOR
I don't care. No exceptions.
You have to pay.

He cries and refuses to pay money.

POOR TAX PAYER

Please...please..... I am very poor.
Don't take me to the chief tax
collector. Please.....

Senior tax collector commands to another.

SENIOR TAX COLLECTOR

Hey, take him to the chief.

EXT/INT. ZACCHAEUS' HOUSE - DAY

Standing fatty foot wearing golden colour shoes are coming ahead. Camera tilts up revealing the luxurious clothes and character of Zacchaeus. He looks at the poor man whom the tax collectors bring before him.

The boy and the girl look at it from a far away point.

(Zacchaeus - short, fat man, wearing red and golden colour dress and golden colour cap) I will send the collected images to you and the animation team.

Tax collectors are taking the poor man to Zacchaeus.

TAX COLLECTOR 2

This man refuses to pay tax!

Zacchaeus stares at the poor man and asks.

ZACCHAEUS

Why? What's the matter?

Saying this Zacchaeus looks at the coins in the hands of the poor man.

The boy and the girl look at it anxiously.

Seeing this poor man pleads.

POOR MAN

I am poor. Please consider me and exempt me.

ZACCHAEUS tells cruelly.

No! you have to! Give it. Otherwise

I will take it forcefully.

Poor man folds the coins in his hand and keeps it close to his heart. He stands like a beggar and is very much frightened.

Suddenly Zacchaeus punches in the poor man's belly. Poor man bends with pain. Zacchaeus forcefully grabs the coins from his hands.

Seeing it the boy and the girl is shocked. They look at each other.

Laymen passing by stop and look at it.

Poor man cries and pleads again. He falls and catches the foot of Zacchaeus and pleads.

POOR MAN

Those are my last possessions. I
kept it to buy food for my child.
Please give it back to me. I have nothing.

The boy and the girl look at the poor man with sympathy.

People in the street look at it and one among them say.

LAYMAN 1

Please, please don't do this.

Zacchaeus shake his legs and throws the poor man.

Poor man falls in the ground and cries again.

Girl grabs the boy's hands looking at it.

ZACCHAEUS says cruelly.

I don't want to hear anything.
(Looking at all and commanding)
I want money.

Saying this he looks at the poor man in the ground for a moment. Then he looks at all and then looks at his hand and starts counting the coins.

A respectively elder layman speaks earlier approaches Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus is busy in counting money.

Layman (50 year old, long clothes, black and grey beard with soft looks) looks at him and says peacefully.

LAYMAN 1

This is not right, Zacchaeus. You are acting against God. Haven't you heard what Jesus has said?

Counting the collected money and putting it in his purse like thing, attached to his body, Zacchaeus says smiling scornfully at him.

ZACCHAEUS

Jesus? Who is he? I don't know him and I don't know his word!

Hearing it boy and the girl is again shocked and they look at each other.

Layman says like recollecting the words of Jesus.

LAYMAN 1 (Luke: 18-24)

He said "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

ZACCHAEUS

Why?

Asking this Zacchaeus looks at him and listens attentively.

LAYMAN 1 continued (Luke: 18-25)

Indeed, it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.

Zacchaeus looks at his eyes in deep thought with disturbed heart and mind.

ZACCHAEUS

What? Jesus said that? Then how can I enter into the kingdom of God?

Layman 1 keeps his hands on Zacchaeus' shoulders and says.

LAYMAN 1 (Luke: 18-27)
But Jesus also said "What is impossible
for human beings is possible for God".

Zacchaeus expresses his ignorance with a gesture and goes without giving much importance to the things said by layman. But he is slightly encouraged by the layman's words. While going, he again looks at the layman with deep thought.

Layman looks at Zacchaeus leaving.
Layman 2 (rough orthodox looking fat man in his 50s) in the street says to Zacchaeus.

LAYMAN 2
You are a sinner! You can't
enter in the kingdom of God.

Zacchaeus doesn't say anything. He walks on with deep thought.

The boy and the girl look at him walking away.

EXT/ INT. ZACCHAEUS' HOUSE - DAY

Exterior view of Zacchaeus' luxurious house
Beautiful lamps, wooden works and many other luxurious things are seen in the interior of the house.

Two servants (one-middle aged and one young) are engaged in some activities.

A servant comes with some dishes and keeps in a dining table.

In the big dining table lot of food items are seen.

Zacchaeus is sitting and eating.

His wife, Veronica (like a beloved wife always ready to serve her husband,) is sitting beside him looking at him eating. She serves him with love.

Noise of large crowd moving is heard. (VOICE OVER in the midst of other voices) (Camera in the curious face of Zacchaeus)

VOICE OVERLAP
(poor man, but with gentle looks)
Jesus, son of David, have mercy on us.

Zacchaeus looks outside with curiosity and asks.

ZACCHAEUS
What's happening?

His wife Veronica replies for that.

VERONICA
Haven't you heard that Jesus of
Nazareth has come to our town?

ZACCHAEUS
Jesus? Everybody is talking about
Jesus. What's fascinating about
this Jesus? (Looking proudly at
his gold ornaments) has he more
Gold than me? What's special
about this man?

VERONICA says with devotion
Jesus! He is God! He is greater
than all the gold and all riches
of the world. (She stands up grabs
his hands and says more excitedly)
He entered Jericho and is passing
through the front of our house.
All are excited to see him.

ZACCHAEUS says looking at Veronica.
Really! Is this Jesus God? Then
I too want to see him.

Zacchaeus stops eating. Hurriedly washes his fingers in a
bowl on the table and starts walking wiping with a towel in
his hand and as he moves fast he throw the towel to the
dinning table area.

Zacchaeus stands up and goes out from there.

Veronica smiles, keeps her hands close to her heart and
looks above with devotion closing her says.

EXT. JERICO CITY - DAY

Huge crowd moves through the street of Jericho.

Zacchaeus walks fast through the crowd. He stops in a place and looks.

There he hears an old layman (long brown colour dress, grey and black colour mixed beard, soft and peaceful looks) praising Jesus. He quotes Old Testament loudly.

LAYMAN 4 (Isaiah 29-18-19)

On that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book; And out of
gloom and darkness, the eyes of
the blind shall see. The lowly
will ever find joy in the LORD,
and the poor rejoice in the
Holy One of Israel. (He pauses
for a moment and continued) The
scripture will be fulfilled.

LAYMAN 1 (man who speaks to Zacchaeus earlier)
(Luke: 18-22)

Yes the poor will rejoice. Jesus
said that! Sell all that you have
and distribute it to the poor,
and you will have a treasure
in heaven.

Hearing it Zacchaeus murmurs and looks at them.

ZACCHAEUS

Treasure in heaven? Treasure in heaven?

EXT. A CROWDED PLACE IN ANOTHER AREA OF THE CITY - DAY

Many people stand there and rush to see Jesus. They wait there in the street road side.

Among them the boy and the girl is also present. They are also struggling to find a space.

Zacchaeus runs fast towards there.

Seeing him a person in the crowd (layman 6-in his 40s, trimmed moustache and beard, poor clothes, simple looks) tells to another one.

LAYMAN 6 (sarcastically)
Look! That is Zacchaeus! The chief of tax
Collectors! He too has come to see Jesus.

Hearing it the boy looks at Zacchaeus coming and shows it
to the girl.

Girl also looks at him thinking "why he is here?"

Another one with him looks at Zacchaeus and says mockingly.

LAYMAN 7 (tough middle-aged looks)
What's his affair with Jesus?

Their group smile scornfully. Layman 6 calls Zacchaeus.

LAYMAN 6
You are a sinner.

LAYMAN 7 SUPPORTS HIM
You have no right to see Jesus. Go away.

All people are opposing him -they are objecting

Zacchaeus doesn't care those words. He moves to another
area of the crowd and struggles to find a place to see
Jesus.

Boy and the girl's eyes follow Zacchaeus.

Back view of the people waiting to see Jesus; (Camera pan
through the people's back portion of the heads and pauses
in the gap of two heads; camera tilt down and we see
Zacchaeus struggling to find a place pushing others)
He stretches his head pushing two people in both side and
try to look.

Rush increases and a few others come in-front of Zacchaeus.
Zacchaeus cannot see anything.

He stretches his short feet and jumps 2/3 times.

He comes back, wheezes for a moment, exhales deeply and
watches the rushing crowd for a while.

CROWD'S VOICE
He is coming. He is near. Hossana, Hossana....

Crowd's exciting voices and rushes excites Zacchaeus also and he desperately looks for a way to see Jesus.

Some yards away he sees a big sycamore tree with branches stretching flat towards the road – even to the top of the road.

Noticing it Zacchaeus felt an idea to climb on that.

Zacchaeus runs to the side of the tree.

People look at him running.

LAYMAN 7

Where is this man running?

Zacchaeus runs fast ahead of the crowd. He is seen alone in the suggestion of the crowd. He reaches beside the tree.

He climbs up in the branch of the tree.

When the boy looks at the place where Zacchaeus stand earlier he cannot see him. The boy and the girl look around.

Girl sees him climbing the tree and she shows it to the boy.

Some among the crowd look at Zacchaeus climbing the tree.

Zacchaeus climbs and finds a position to sit in that branch spreads to the road.

He looks down at the path to see Jesus.

Jesus with his disciples is coming through the path of the street. He cannot see Jesus clearly because of the distraction of the branches.

The boy and the girl jump on their toes to see Jesus.

Zacchaeus pushes aside a branch leaf to see Jesus clearly.

Suddenly his foot slips and it seems he will fall down. But he catches another branch, push aside the leaves carefully and the divine visual of Jesus unravels before him.

Zacchaeus wheezes for a while.

Jesus with his disciples is approaching under the tree. Zacchaeus can see him properly now. Zacchaeus stares at him and says like a monologue.

ZACCHAEUS

Praise be to you My Lord and My God!

Jesus is passing that way under the sycamore tree. Suddenly a power evolves and Jesus stops walking.

He closes his eyes for a moment.

His disciples and the people moving with him also stop.

Crowd eagerly looks at him.

The boy and the girl come out to front row pushing the crowd. They reach before Jesus.

(Camera in a crane like shot moves down in the suggestion of Zacchaeus in the tree and shows Jesus who has just reaches under the tree.)

JOHN asks Peter.

Why he stops?

PETER replies

I don't know. Let's see.

Jesus opens his eyes and slowly looks up at Zacchaeus sitting in the tree and calls him.

Their eyes met one another (an important area in the movie; 1st climax).

The divine aura of Jesus suddenly power on to Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus' whole body suddenly surrounds with the light (like hemorrhage affected woman healed when she touched Jesus)

JESUS

Zacchaeus!

While saying the above dialogue camera focuses on Zacchaeus. Hearing Jesus' call Zacchaeus wonders. He looks at Jesus unbelievably.

The boy and the girl look up at Zachaeus.

Everybody looks up at Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus is greatly delighted and amazed and is very much happy with Jesus' unexpected looks.

JESUS says with a smile (Luke 19-5)
Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for
today I must stay at your house.

Zacchaeus eyes brim with tears (for giving him this recognition which he lost by his actions yet Lord Jesus never counts it but calls him to his position, reminds him as well as reminds others).

He is slowly coming down from the tree.

People are looking at Zacchaeus coming down. They are murmuring.

The boy and the girl eagerly look at him coming.

Zacchaeus reaches before Jesus and stands with obedience.

JESUS continued (Luke 19-9)
You too are a descendant of Abraham.

Zacchaeus' eyes widen with wonder and happiness.

People look at each other with wonder.

Jesus smile at Zacchaeus.

Many among the crowd frown at Jesus and Zacchaeus.

LAYMAN 2 exclaims.
What's this?

He folds his hands in a praying posture and welcomes Jesus.

ZACCHAEUS
Welcome to my house my lord.

It's a great joy that you
are coming to my house.

Jesus touches his shoulders.

Seeing it the boy and the girl share a smile.

INT/EXT. ZACCHAEUS' HOUSE - DAY

Camera moves back from Zacchaeus' house showing the exterior view of the luxurious house of Zacchaeus. Camera stops back over the shoulder of Jesus.

Jesus is looking at the luxurious house of Zacchaeus.

Disciples are also with him looking at the house.

PETER says to Matthew (Lk 18-24)
How hard it is for those who have
wealth to enter the kingdom of God!

MATTHEW (Luke 18-27)
I too was a tax collector, but once
when I met Jesus everything changed
in my life. What is impossible for
human beings is possible for God.

Back view of large crowd gathers outside the house.

The boy and the girl is also present there.

Crowd's murmuring increases.

LAYMAN 6
How can he act like this?

LAYMAN 6
He has gone to be the guest of
one who is a sinner.

Saying this he looks inside the house.
Luxurious interiors of the house

VERONICA greets Jesus.
Praise be to you My Lord and My
God, it's our fortune that
you come to our house.

Jesus smiles at her and looks at the luxuries of the house.

Many dishes are there in the middle of Jesus, Zacchaeus, disciples and the crowd. Jesus takes a piece of bread and eats it.

Zacchaeus smiles at him with gratitude.

Jesus looks straightly at Zacchaeus' eyes and says.

JESUS (Luke: 16-13)
Zacchaeus, No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Zacchaeus looks at Jesus' eyes.

ZACCHAEUS
Lord, have mercy on me.

Peter and John share a smile.

Zacchaeus goes outside.

He looks at the gathering multitude. Many are very poor without proper cloths.

The boy and the girl watch Zacchaeus' actions.

His eye catches the poor, handicapped and weak people.

Zacchaeus looks again at Jesus. He looks at the poor man, the poor tax payer from whom Zacchaeus forcefully collected money.

Zacchaeus eyes filled with compassion for the poor man.
Zacchaeus sees the poor tax payer (the poor man hurts earlier by Zacchaeus)

Zacchaeus comes down from the steps, takes his ornaments from his neck and gives to the poor man.

Poor man unbelievably looks at him and the gold ornaments.

Zacchaeus consoles him and asks pardon for his actions.

ZACCHAEUS

I am sorry for what I have done.

Seeing it the boy and the girl are very much happy.

Zacchaeus sees the two persons, the tax payers who were there in the beginning. He gives them his bangles, rings etc.

ZACCHAEUS

Please, take this. I am sorry.

Zacchaeus sees a poor man with poor clothing. Zacchaeus looks at him for a while and then starts removing his outer garment.

Zacchaeus takes out his outer garment and gives to the poor man.

The boy and the girl look at it with great wonder.

People are looking at it with great wonder!

Poor man receives it with great happiness and he wears it.

The crowd looks at it with great wonder!

LAYMAN 1 says with great joy

This is truly an eternal happiness.

That poor man's eyes (one who received cloth) fill with tears.

Zacchaeus' eyes also fill with tears.

The boy and the girl's eyes also fill with tears.

Layman 1 in the crowd says to another man.

LAYMAN 1 (Luke 18-27)

Yes, what is impossible for human beings is possible for God.

LAYMAN 2 consents his opinion.

Surely the kingdom of God has come!

A man with his child is very hungry.

Child approaches Zacchaeus and asks.

CHILD asks
Please give us something to eat.

Zacchaeus is overwhelmed with emotions. He holds the child close to him with great joy.

ZACCHAEUS
Come and eat and drink all
what you want from my house.

All are looking at it with great wonder.

Jesus is seen with great joy and shining face

ZACCHAEUS (Luke 19-8) (says to Jesus)
Lord, I will give half of my
possessions to the poor. And
if I have defrauded anyone
of anything, I will pay back
four times as much.

The boy and the girl feel contented.

Music uplifts to a crescendo

People are in great happiness and wonder.

The luxurious things in Zacchaeus' house disappear one by one and the house is not luxurious now (disappearing in very fast pace).

Veronica serves food and fruits to the poor child.

Child happily eats the food.
Veronica distributes food to the poor people standing there.

Zacchaeus, wearing a simple cloth without the outer garment stands before Jesus.

The boy and the girl stand there before Jesus with praying hands.

Jesus stretches his hands, looks at the house and all the people there, and says loudly to all.

JESUS (Luke-19-9, 10)

Today salvation has come to
this house, because he too
is a son of Abraham. For the
Son of Man came to seek out
and to save the lost.

Crowd hears it with wonder and look at Jesus with realization.

Zacchaeus and his wife come nearer to Jesus and Jesus stands in the middle of them holding them with both hands. Zacchaeus says with gratitude and devotion.

ZACCHAEUS

Praise be to you my Lord and
my God. I am now wealthier.
You are my wealth! My Lord
and My God!

Jesus smile at all with divine love and says

JESUS (Mt 6-33)

Seek first the kingdom (of God)
and his righteousness, and all
these things will be given you
besides.

Crowd is very happy, the man who quotes earlier from the Old Testament says.

LAYMAN 4

He has come to make a new world!
A new heaven and new earth!
A new Jerusalem!

Jesus with his divine smile stands in the middle of Zacchaeus and his wife holding them with both hands.