



Zacchaeus and the young rich man

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What you can learn by comparing Zacchaeus and the young rich man

We can learn that we need to give everything up for Jesus and follow him. In the Bible one example is Zacchaeus, you can find this story in Luke 19:1-10. We can see that Zacchaeus was a tax collector, he was a sinner. So one day Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was going to be passing through Jericho, Zacchaeus wants to see Jesus so much that he even climbs a tree so he can see Lord Jesus. After Jesus tells him to come down Lord Jesus tells him that he is coming to Zacchaeus's home. Also Zacchaeus says that he will give half of his riches to the poor and if he had taken anything from anyone he would give that person 4 times as many as they might have given him. Now if you see the story of the rich young man it is different. So what happens in this story is a young man will come to Lord Jesus and ask him what do I need to do to have eternal life. Lord Jesus answers him saying that he needs to follow the commandments. He says to Lord Jesus that he has kept all the commandments from his youth and we know that he is telling the truth because Lord Jesus knows if someone is lying. So then Lord Jesus tells him that he should give all that he has to the poor and then he will have greater riches in heaven. But this young man will go away sorrowful because he was a rich man and he didn't want to give away his riches. So what we can learn from these two stories are that we shouldn't keep riches for ourself in this world like the rich young man and if we don't keep riches for ourself we will have greater riches in heaven in this world we should be like Zacchaeus he joyfully gave up all the riches for the Lord and followed him.