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Luke 19:1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.



Mediterranean Sea

Mt. Hermon

Nazareth

Capernaum

Sea of Galilee

Mt. Tabor

Samaria
(Sebaste)

Shechem
(Nablus)

One of many possible routes to
Jerusalem, about 100 miles (160 km)

Mt. of Olives ridge

Jerusalem
Temple

Bethany

Jericho

Jordan River Valley

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UPHILL TO JERUSALEM

Jericho to Jerusalem, on his way to the Crucifixion, Jesus walked 20 miles (32 km) uphill. Altitude change: a kilometer, more than half a mile up.

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² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.

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⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

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⁸ 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.”

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Luke 18:18 A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ...

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^{18:24} Jesus said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷ Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

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^{19:9} Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”