

BIBLE CHALLENGE

1. He was a tax collector in Jesus' time.
 - a. Zechariah
 - b. Matthew
 - c. Zacchaeus
 - d. Peter
2. He was a very tall man.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. He was well loved and respected by his peers.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. When Jesus met him, Jesus said:
 - a. I'm coming to your house for dinner
 - b. Follow me and you will fish for people
 - c. Can you get me a break on my taxes
 - d. I am the way, the truth and the life
5. After meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus:
 - a. Threw a big party
 - b. Vowed to repay those he had cheated
 - c. Quite being a tax collector and followed Jesus
 - d. Went to the temple to make a sacrifice
6. After Jesus met Zacchaeus, he told the people:
 - a. He would heal their sick in the marketplace
 - b. They must repent of their sins
 - c. He came to get rid of tax collectors
 - d. He came to seek and redeem the lost.

ZACCHAEUS

Zacchaeus was a chief Jewish tax collector for the Romans at Jericho. He wanted to see Jesus when he came to the city. He was short in stature, so he climbed a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus through the crowd. As Jesus passed by, he looked up and told Zacchaeus that he would go to his house for dinner that evening. The crowd was amazed and angry.

The other Jewish people did not like Zacchaeus because he was a tax collector. People believed that the tax collectors cheated them and pocketed the money for themselves. Tax collectors were viewed as being traitors as they were Jewish and collecting taxes on behalf of the Roman government. It was thought that they betrayed their own people. It was scandalous that Jesus should go and eat with such a crook.

After this encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus became a changed man, vowing to repay all those he had cheated. Jesus told the crowd that salvation had come to a son of Abraham that day. Jesus reminded them that his mission was to seek and redeem the lost.

This story can be found in Luke 19:1-10.

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Answers: 1. c; 2. b; 3. b; 4. a; 5. b; 6. d