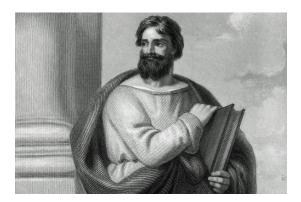
# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO





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## ZACCHEUS (VV. 1-10)

- Where does this story begin? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is a chief tax gatherer?
- What would most people think of Zaccheus?
- Why did he climb a sycamore tree?
- What did Jesus say to the Zaccheus that surprised the crowd?
  - What did Zaccheus do?
  - What did Zaccheus offer to do?
- What's the message for us today?



### GOD'S TRUST IN US (VV.11-18)

• **Possible background:** This parable is probably based in part on what happened with Archelaus as he attempted to inherit the kingdom of his father Herod the Great. In order to become king of Judea he needed to appeal to Caesar Augustus, since Rome was the overlord of Palestine. There were Jews, however, who went to Rome to oppose Archelaus' reception of Judea as a kingdom. The outcome was the Archelaus was granted to rule Judea, but was denied the title of "king". In Jesus' parable, however, the nobleman actually does receive the kingdom.

- Why did the nobleman in this parable leave his kingdom?
- What did he do before he left?
  - What did he expect to be done with the mina (60 shekels)?
- Why did one servant do nothing?
- What was the reward for faithful service to the king?
- Understanding the parable...
  - Who do you think is the nobleman in this parable?
  - What is the return of the nobleman (now king) to be compared to?
  - What is the settling of accounts with servants to be compared to?
  - Why did the one who made 10 more minas get another mina from the man who did nothing with his money?
  - Is good stewardship about "conserving" or about "using"?
  - What is the point for us?

#### TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (VV. 19-40)

- Where on the map is Bethphage and Bethany?
- What did Jesus ask his disciples to do for Him?
- What if someone asked them why?



- What did they put on the donkey before they put Jesus on the donkey?
- What do you suppose could be seen from the descent of the Mount of Olives?
- What did the crowd begin to do then?
  - Why?
- What did the Pharisees say about all this celebration and praise?
- Jesus' response...
- What can we learn here?

### "YOU DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE TIME OF YOUR VISITATION (VV. 41-44)

- As Jesus is approaching the city (possibly still on the back of the donkey) He began to \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - Why?
- What would make for peace?
- What does it mean that they didn't recognize their "time of their visitation"?
- Is there anything here that we can learn? What?

#### JESUS CLEANSES THE TEMPLE (VV. 45-48)

• Why did Jesus feel compelled to cleanse the Temple?

- What was Jesus doing daily in the Temple?
  - But what were the chief priest trying to do?
  - What did the people think of Jesus' teachings?
  - What was the motivation for the hatred the chief priests had for Jesus?
- Lessons for us??