

Grammar – Past Simple

Zacchaeus

A. Read the story about **Zacchaeus** in **Luke 19:1-10**.

B. Write an appropriate past simple verb in each gap below. Choose from the list and change each verb from infinitive form to past simple:

be (x4)

enter

murmur

say (x2)

climb

hurry

receive

see (x2)

come (x2)

look

run

stand

1 He a) _____ and was passing through Jericho. 2 There b) _____ a man named Zacchaeus. He c) _____ a chief tax collector, and he d) _____ rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus e) _____, and couldn't because of the crowd, because he was short.

4 He f) _____ on ahead, and g) _____ up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus h) _____ to the place, he i) _____ up and j) _____ him, and k) _____ to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

6 He l) _____, m) _____ down, and n) _____ him joyfully. 7 When they o) _____ it, they all p) _____, saying, "He has gone in to lodge with a man who is a sinner."

8 Zacchaeus q) _____ and r) _____ to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. If I have wrongfully exacted anything of anyone, I restore four times as much."

9 Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost."

C. Say whether each statement is **true (T)**, **false (F)**, or we **don't know (DK)**:

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| 1. Zacchaeus had little money. | 12. Jesus told Zacchaeus to take his time. |
| 2. Zacchaeus climbed up into an olive tree. | 13. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector. |
| 3. Zacchaeus lived in a large house. | 14. Zacchaeus tried to see who Jesus was. |
| 4. Zacchaeus owed money to many people in the crowd. | 15. The crowd considered Zacchaeus to be a good man. |
| 5. There was a crowd around Jesus. | 16. Jesus wanted to stay at Zacchaeus's house that day. |
| 6. Zacchaeus enjoyed his job. | 17. Zacchaeus gave half of his belongings to the poor. |
| 7. Jesus promised salvation to Zacchaeus. | 18. There were hundreds of people in the crowd. |
| 8. The crowd were pleased that Jesus went to Zacchaeus's home. | 19. Zacchaeus promised to pay back those he had cheated twice as much. |
| 9. Zacchaeus was a very tall man. | 20. Zacchaeus quit his job. |
| 10. Zacchaeus worked in Jericho. | |
| 11. The crowd spoke out loudly against Zacchaeus. | |