Zacchaeus: A Sinner Saved

In the Gospel of Luke, the story is told of a man named Zacchaeus who wanted to see Jesus, but because he was short, and could not see through the crowd, he climbed a tree so that he could see. Jesus called him down, and went to Zacchaeus' house for a meal. Because Zacchaeus was a despised tax collector, the Jews murmured about Jesus going to eat with sinners. While Jesus was at his house, Zacchaeus repented of his sins, and said that he would give half of his possessions to the poor, and repay those he had cheated fourfold. Jesus then said that salvation had come to his house. The purpose of the story is to teach that Jesus came to save those who are lost, and that is why he went to the house of Zacchaeus, the sinner. Through gematria, using the numerical value of Hebrew and Greek words consistent with what is written in Luke Chapter 19 regarding Zacchaeus, the veracity of this story is proven. The evidence of numerical word associations demonstrates that even the little details of what is written in the Bible are confirmed.

And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. Luke 19:2-4.

The name Zacchaeus is not found in the OT. In modern Hebrew translations of the NT, Zacchaeus is spelled זכי which has a gematria value of 37. This spelling is used in the following numerical word associations.

Zacchaeus (no *Strong's #*) **climbed up** (H5927) **a sycamore tree** (H8256) **because** (H3588) **he was not** (H3808) **able** (H3201) **to see.** (H7200)

זכִי עלה שׁקם כִּי לא יכל ראה

206 + 60 + 31 + 30 + 440 + 105 + 37 = **909**

ZACCHAEUS (G2195) (root word spelling) = Ζακχαῖος = **909**

Zacchaeus (no *Strong's #*) **sought** (H1245) **to see** (H7200) **Jesus (Yeshua)** (H3442) **but** (H3588) **could not** (H3808) **see** (H7200) **him because of** (H5921) **the people,** (H5971) **for** (H3588) **he was little** (H4592) **of stature.** (H6967) **He ran** (H7323) **before,** (H6440) **and climbed up** (H5927) **a sycamore tree** (H8256) **to see** (H7200) **Jesus (Yeshua),** (H3442) **for** (H3588) **he was to pass** (H5674) **that way.** (H1870)

זכִי בקשׁ ראה ישׁוע כִּי לא ראה על עם כִּי מעט קוֹמה רוּץ פּנים עלה שׁקם ראה כִּי עבר דרך

224 + 272 + 30 + 206 + 440 + 105 + 180 + 296 + 151 + 119 + 30 + 110 + 100 + 206 + 31 + 30 + 386 + 206 + 402 + 37 = **3561**

ZACCHAEUS (G2195) **CLIMBED UP** (G305) **INTO** (G1909) **A SYCAMORE TREE** (G4809) = Ζακχαῖος ἀναβαίνω ἐπί συκομωραία = 909 + 915 + 95 + 1642 = **3561**

In the OT, the word for "into" (H413) is not always used, but sometimes simply implied. The only difference in the following Hebrew text from the above example is that the word for "into" (H413) is used along with "sycamore tree."

There was a man (H120) **named** (H8034) **Zacchaeus,** (no *Strong's #*) **and he sought** (H1245) **to see** (H7200) **Jesus (Yeshua),** (H3442) **but** (H3588) **was not** (H3808) **able** (H3201) **to see** (H7200) **him because of** (H5921) **the multitude** (H7227) **of people,** (H5971) **for** (H3588) **he was little** (H4592) **of stature.** (H6967) **He climbed up** (H5927) **into** (H413) **a sycamore tree** (H8256) **to see** (H7200) **Jesus (Yeshua).** (H3442)

אדם שם זכי בקש ראה ישוע כִּי לא יכל ראה על רב עם כִּי מעט קוֹמה עלה אל שׁקם ראה ישוע

386 + 206 + 440 + 31 + 105 + 151 + 119 + 12 + 30 + 110 + 202 + 100 + 206 + 60 + 31 + 30 + 386 + 206 + 402 + 37 + 340 + 45 = **3592**

The next Hebrew text which is consistent with what is written in Luke 19, has the same gematria value of 3592.

There was a man (H120) **named** (H8034) **Zacchaeus,** (no *Strong's #*) **and he sought** (H1245) **to see** (H7200) **Jesus (Yeshua),** (H3442) **but** (H3588) **was not** (H3808) **able** (H3201) **to see** (H7200) **him because of** (H5921) **the multitude** (H7227) **of people,** (H5971) **for** (H3588) **he was little** (H4592) **of stature.** (H6967) **He climbed up** (H5927) **a sycamore tree** (H8256) **to see** (H7200) **Jesus (Yeshua).** (H3442)

אדם שם זכי בקשׁ ראה ישוע כִּי לא יכל ראה על רב עם כִּי מעט קוֹמה עלה שׁקם ראה ישוע

386 + 206 + 440 + 31 + 105 + 151 + 119 + 12 + 30 + 110 + 202 + 100 + 206 + 60 + 31 + 30 + 386 + 206 + 402 + 37 + 340 + 45 = **3592**

ZACCHAEUS (G2195) **COULD** (G1410) **NOT** (G3756) **SEE** (G1492) **JESUS** (G2424) = Ζακχαῖος δύναμαι οὐ εἰδω Ἰησοῦς = 909 + 506 + 470 + 819 + 888 = **3592**

Jesus saw Zaccheaus in the tree, and called for him to come down, telling him that they must go to his house. *And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.* Luke 19:4-6.

Zacchaeus (no *Strong's #*) **climbed up** (H5927) **a sycamore tree,** (H8256) **and when** (H3588) **Jesus (Yeshua)** (H3442) **came,** (H935) **he saw** (H7200) **him, and said,** (H559) **unto** (H413) **him, Zacchaeus,** (no *Strong's #*) **make haste,** (H4116) **come down;** (H3381) **for** (H3588) **today**

(H3117) **I** (H589) **must abide** (H3427) **at your house.** (H1004) **And he made haste,** (H4116) **and came down** (H3381) **from** (H4480) **the tree.** (H6086)

זְכִי עלה שֶׁקַם כִּי ישוע בּוֹא ראה אמר אֶל זְכִי מהר ירד כִּי יוֹם אֲנִי ישב בֵּית מהר ירד מן עֵץ

160 + 90 + 214 + 245 + 412 + 312 + 61 + 56 + 30 + 214 + 245 + 37 + 31 + 241 + 206 + 9 + 386 + 30 + 440 + 105 + 37 = **3561**

ZACCHAEUS (G2195) **CLIMBED UP** (G305) **INTO** (G1909) **A SYCAMORE TREE** (G4809) = Ζακχαῖος ἀναβαίνω ἐπί συκομωραία = 909 + 915 + 95 + 1642 = **3561**

The Jewish leaders did not feel that Jesus should go to the house of Zacchaeus because he was a "sinner." *And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.* Luke 19:7.

Because (H3588) **the sinner** (H2398) **was little** (H4592) **of stature** (H6967) **and could not** (H3808) **see** (H7200) **Jesus (Yeshua)** (H3442) **he climbed up** (H5927) **a sycamore tree.** (H8256)

כִּי חטא מעט קוֹמה לֹא ראה ישוע עלה שֶׁקַם

440 + 105 + 386 + 206 + 31 + 151 + 119 + 18 + 30 = **1486**

ZACCHAEUS (G2195) **WAS** (G2258) **LITTLE** (G3398) **OF STATURE** (G2244) = Ζακχαῖος ἦν μικρός ἡλικία = 909 + 58 + 440 + 79 = **1486**

The next two sentences for which the gematria values are determined use a different Hebrew word for "Lord" in each. The first uses the word H136 which is commonly used in the OT as a name for God, and the second uses the proper name of God (Yahweh/Jehovah) H3068, which is always written in capital letters in the OT, and is translated as "Lord."

The Lord (H136) **Jesus (Yeshua)** (H3442) **went** (H935) **to the house** (H1004) **of Zacchaeus.** (no *Strong's #*)

אדנְי ישוע בּוֹא בֵּית זְכִי חטא

18 + 37 + 412 + 9 + 386 + 65 = **909**

ZACCHAEUS (G2195) (root word spelling) = Ζακχαῖος = **909**

The LORD (H3068) **Jesus (Yeshua)** (H3442) **went** (H935) **to the house** (H1004) **of Zacchaeus,** (no *Strong's #*) **a sinner.** (H2398)

יהוה ישוע בּוֹא בֵּית זְכִי חטא

18 + 37 + 412 + 9 + 386 + 26 = **888**

JESUS (G2424) = Ἰησοῦς = **888**

Zacchaeus repented of his sinful ways and vowed to make up for the wrongs he had committed against others. Because he repented, Zacchaeus was saved. *And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.* Luke 19:8-10. The Greek word that is used in Luke 19:9 for "come" has the meaning of "to come into existence, or come to pass," which is the same meaning as that for the Hebrew word H1961.

Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) **said** (H559) **unto** (H413) **him, This day** (H3117) **salvation** (H3468) **has come** (H1961) **to this** (H2088) **house.** (H1004)

יֵשֻׁעָת אמר אל יוֹם יֵשַׁע הָיָה זֶה בַּית

412 + 12 + 20 + 380 + 56 + 31 + 241 + 386 = **1538**

SALVATION (G4992) = σωτήριόν = **1538**

The purpose of this story about Zacchaeus is to emphasize what Jesus said in Luke 19:10, the Son of man, and only Son of God, came to seek and to save the lost.

Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) **went** (H935) **to the house** (H1004) **of Zacchaeus** (no *Strong's #*) **to eat,** (H398) **because** (H3588) **he also** (H1571) **is a son** (H1121) **of Abraham.** (H85) **For** (H3588) **the Son** (H1121) **of man,** (H120) **and only** (H3173) **Son** (H1121) **of God,** (H430) **came** (H935) **to seek** (H1245) **and to save** (H3467) **that which was lost.** (H9)

יֵשׁוּעַ בּוֹא בַּית זַכִּי אכל כִּי גם בֶּן אברהם כִּי בֶּן אדם יָחִיד בֶּן אלהים בּוֹא בקשׁ יֵשַׁע אבדה

9 + 380 + 412 + 9 + 86 + 52 + 32 + 45 + 52 + 30 + 248 + 52 + 43 + 30 + 51+ 37 + 412 + 9 + 386 = **2368**

JESUS (G2424) **CHRIST** (H5547) = Ἰησοῦς Χριστός = **2368**

The seemingly insignificant details concerning Zacchaeus, as well as the important message of the story are confirmed by numerical word associations.