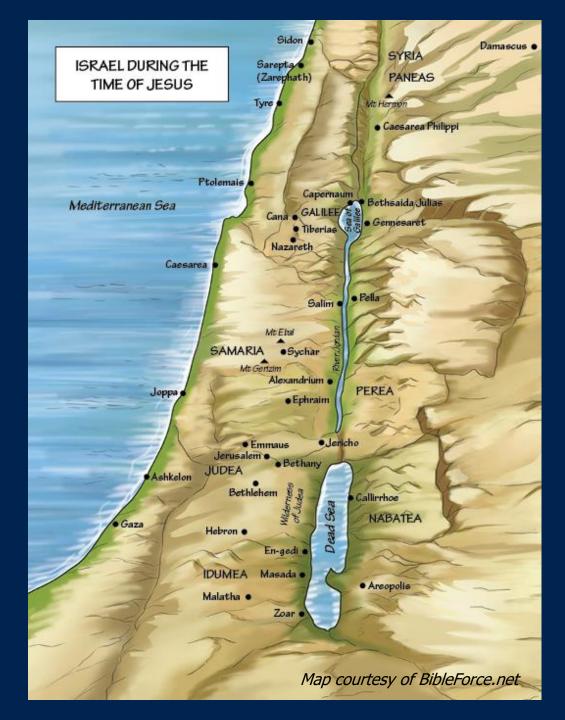
Luke 19:1-10 "Little man, Big heart"



--Jericho is northeast of Jerusalem, but at lower elevation, in the Jordan River Valley

--Known for its fragrant balsam plantations

1st Insight-

Zacchaeus was curious, even eager to see

Jesus. Why?

2nd Insight:

Jesus intentionally stopped and sought Zacchaeus.

"I must stay at your house today"

Luke 19:8-9 ESV

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.

Luke 3:7-8, 12-13 ESV

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

Luke 3:12-13 ESV

Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do."

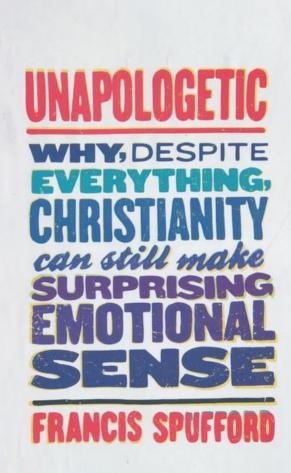
Romans 4:3, 6-8 ESV

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

Francis Spufford-

- former atheist,
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature



The Point:

Everyone of us is guilty before God, but

Jesus offers forgiveness and freedom.