Sermon: Zacchaeus verse by verse (Luke 19.1-10)

V1: Jesus was passing through Jericho – Jesus may only pass through our lives, how do we respond?

V2: Zacchaeus was a *chief* tax collector, maybe not *directly* involved in collecting tax, but just as guilty
 – are we also indirectly involved in what goes wrong in the world?

V3: Trying to see who Jesus was. What would stop us seeing who Jesus is? Preconceived ideas?

V4: Zacchaeus removes himself from the crowd and climbs to see.
If we want to see Jesus are we prepared to think for ourselves, climb in our thinking and vision?

V5: Jesus calls Zacchaeus by name, treats him as human.

V6: Zacchaeus is amazed that Jesus knows him and is interested. Are we similarly amazed?

V7: The crowd see Zacchaeus differently and do not think Jesus should be involved.
 Are we like the crowd at times?

V8: Zacchaeus is transformed by the encounter with Jesus. Is this something we resist?

V9: Zacchaeus’ whole house is affected, and he is restored. Salvation is not just personal.

V10: All this is Jesus’ purpose. How much is it ours?