

There is a Balm in Gilead

Luke 19:1-10

The song:

“There is a balm in Gilead

To make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead

To heal the sin sick soul.”

Zacchaeus:

- Chief tax collector – rich.
- Trying to see who Jesus was - seeking.
- Received Jesus gladly – rejoicing.
 - Not with arrogance toward crowd.
 - Not conditionally .
 - Not reluctantly.

The crowd:

- With Jesus but not like Jesus.
- Murmured against Jesus.
- They saw a man to be avoided and condemned.

Zacchaeus:

- Acknowledged past wrongs – willing to correct. (futuristic present)
- Or, described the nature of his life (present progressive)
 - Received Jesus' teaching and Lordship (vs. 8).

Jesus:

- Jesus could have avoided upsetting the crowd by:
 - Ignoring, condemning, or placing a condition on coming to Zacchaeus' house.
- It is actually “Christ-like” to ignore the murmuring and complaining of others.
- A friend of sinners – He saw one in need of forgiveness – and a seeker.
- Response to that friendship brought salvation.