

Are You Willing To Pay The Price?

(Luke 19:1-10)

- Introduction:
1. There is a price to pay if you wish to be a disciple of Jesus.
 2. Jesus explicitly stated that in (Luke 14:25-33).
 3. In Luke 19, we have an example of a man who was willing to pay a price to become a disciple of Jesus.
 4. Let's look at the price he paid, and ask ourselves if we would be willing to pay the same price.

I. The Price to See Jesus - What Others Might Think

- A. (Luke 19:1-4).
- B. Are you willing to be ridiculed for the cause of Jesus?
- C. Think of what the people must have been thinking and even verbalizing.
- D. (John 15:18-21).
- E. (Acts 2:13).
- F. (2 Peter 3:3).

II. The Price to Host Jesus - Personal Inconvenience

- A. (Luke 19:5-7).
- B. Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus' house.
- C. Wonder if Zacchaeus expected that?
- D. What about his wife?
- E. But notice his attitude (Luke 19:6) - He received him joyfully.
- F. Doing the right thing must be coupled with the right attitude.
 1. (1 Cor. 13:1-3).
 2. (2 Corinthians 9:7).

III. The Price to Follow Jesus - Moral Demands on my Life

- A. (Luke 19:8-10).
- B. He gave half his goods to the poor - He was a benevolent man.
- C. He restored four times what he might have defrauded from others.
 1. The Law demanded a restitution of one-fifth (Numbers 5:7).
 2. Example: If he stole \$100.00, the law demanded restitution of \$120.00, but Zacchaeus would restore \$400.00.
- D. Are we willing to pay the price and live morally?
- E. (Romans 12:9).

- Conclusion:
1. Whatever the cost involved in following Jesus, the dividends are worth it.
 2. Give up everything, even your life if it is necessary to be faithful to Jesus, and your reward will be eternal.