

Yesterday, When I Was Young
Luke 19:1-10

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Introduction:

Yesterday, when I was young,
The taste of life was sweet, as rain upon my tongue,
I teased at life, as if it were a foolish game,
The way the evening breeze may tease a candle flame.....

- A. Proverbs 20:29 – *“The glory of young men is their strength, and the honor of old men is their gray hair.”*
 - B. Jeremiah 9:23-24 – *“...Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom....but let him boast that he understands and knows Me...”*
 - C. It is important (a must) that we observe what John, an older man, says in his letters. I John 1:7; 2:3,6, 2:28; 4:12
 - D. All my possessions for a moment of time. Elizabeth I, Queen of England, d. 1603, said upon her deathbed. But time cannot be bribed, even by a monarch.
 - E. So what are we doing with our time? Polycarp: *“Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and He never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?”*
- I. Jesus died very young. In the face of opposition He accomplished so much.
Luke 19:1-10
- A. Verse 1 – *“He entered and was PASSING THROUGH Jericho...”* John 8:59 - 9:1
 - B. Verse 2 – *“...Zacchaeus was a tax gatherer, and he was rich...”*
 - C. Verse 3 – *“Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was... climbed into a sycamore tree...”*
 - D. Verse 5 – As Jesus passed through He came to the place and said, *“Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, I must stay in your house.”*
 - E. Verse 8 – Before knowing who Jesus was, Zacchaeus says *“...Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor...”*
 - F. Verse 10 – *“For the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost.”*
- II. Live and do things to cause people to notice you and want to know more about what you stand for. Zacchaeus thought he was seeking Jesus, but it was Jesus who was seeking him.

Conclusion: Luke’s theme. Luke 5:32; 4:18-19; 16:19-31. Live in such a way that you will have no regrets. “I wish I had....”