
Story Three: Forty Days of Summer 2025

THE CITY THAT SAW

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Joshua 6:1-20 and Luke 19:1-10

sermon available
online at any time

You can read the whole story in Joshua 6 and watch Paul Swann's video sermon by going to saintwulstans.online and looking for the post called **The City That Saw**



TAKE FIVE DEEP BREATHS. CHECK-IN WITH HOW YOU ARE FEELING – IN BODY, IN MIND, IN SPIRIT. TAKE FIVE MORE DEEP BREATHS AND ASK GOD TO ABIDE WITH YOU IN THIS MOMENT. NOW READ THE PASSAGE.

Verses from Joshua 6

Now Jericho was shut up inside and out because of the Israelites; no one came out and no one went in. The Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have handed Jericho over to you, along with its king and soldiers. You shall march around the city, all the warriors circling the city once. Thus you shall do for six days, with seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark.

On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. When they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and all the people shall charge straight ahead."

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One | You can read the whole story in Joshua 6. What would Jericho sound like — before, during, and after the walls fell?

Two | Think through the story afresh as if it was in today's news headlines.

Three | Zaccheus was an inhabitant of Jericho centuries later in the days of Jesus.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and

come down; for I must stay at your house today.”

So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:1–10

Compare Jesus and Joshua, and Rahab ([who helped Joshua’s spies](#)) and Zaccheus. How do you feel about these contrasting stories?



Four | In Joshua, Jericho is seen from the outside — its walls high, its people hidden. In Luke, we are drawn inside the city to see one man exposed in a tree. What do these two Jericho stories reveal about how face is kept, risked, or revealed?

Five | How are your walls today?

Six | Try to express your key thought from today as a short phrase that you can carry with you into the rest of your day and week, for example, “blow the trumpet”. Turn to the back page.



May our Gracious God, who knows our defences and our distrust, reshape our stories with the trust of Christ who brings down every barrier. Amen.