

ZACCHAEUS

(sigh)

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Zacchaeus there you are.

ZACCHAEUS

(sigh)

Oh, yes you found me.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Try this new drink.

ZACCHAEUS

Another new drink experiment?

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Yes my dear, be kind to your wife and
just try it won't you?

ZACCHAEUS

Alright, let's see it. It looks...green.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Now Zacchaeus just try it.It's
cucumber and mint infused spring
water.

ZACCHAEUS

Mint in water? Do I have to try it?

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

You don't HAVE to no. Just give it to
me.

ZACCHAEUS

I'm sorry darling. I'm just. I'm
just....Oh I don't know what.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Make some room in that swing for me.

ZACCHAEUS

Of course, come up here.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Now, what's wrong? Is it the Priest again? You know the one who always calls you wee little ma....

ZACCHAEUS

No, no it's not about the priest.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Well, then...

ZACCHAEUS

I want my life to be different. I just feel...lost.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

(horrified)

You're not going to quit your job are you? You are the CHIEF tax collector.

ZACCHAEUS

No I'm not going to quit, but I'm not enjoying it anymore.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Did something happen?

ZACCHAEUS

Yesterday one of the weaver women came in to pay her taxes.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Oh?

ZACCHAEUS

Her dress was worn and, and she had a baby slung across her back.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

One of the less fortunate.

ZACCHAEUS

I happened to catch her eye as she

paid her taxes to the collector. Her eyes were dark with sadness as she handed him 3 coins.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Zacchaeus, we all have to pay taxes. Those are Rome's rules not ours.

ZACCHAEUS

I know, I know but when the collector stepped away I looked at the account book.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Yes?

ZACCHAEUS

She only owed 2 coins. My man put the other coin in his own pocket.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Well Zacchaeus that happens all the time. You know that better than anyone. How else could we have such a beautiful home.

ZACCHAEUS

It does happen all the time-but I.I...want it to be different.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Even the Priests take a little extra from the people nowadays. It's how things are.

ZACCHAEUS

(energetically)

But I want to make things right!

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Zacchaeus careful, you jumped out of the swing so quickly you nearly sent me flying!

ZACCHAEUS

I'm sorry!

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Zacchaeus, I wish I could make you
smile again?

ZACCHAEUS

Yes, I wish that I could smile, too.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

I just had an idea!

ZACCHAEUS

Yes?

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Did you see the weaver woman's address
on the account book?

ZACCHAEUS

Yes of course.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Here, take her this coin. Tell her it
was an error.

ZACCHAEUS

This is brilliant! She'll be so happy!

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Yes, and perhaps so will you.

ZACCHAEUS

I'll go right now.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

(calling out)

Oh, Zacchaeus!

ZACCHAEUS

Yes?

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

There's word that the man from Galilee
is passing through Jericho today?

ZACCHAEUS

Jesus?

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Yes-if you hear anymore will you send
word. I want to see Him.

ZACCHAEUS

Yes, hmmm I'd like to see this man
everyone speaks about too. I'll send
word.

ZACCHAEUS' WIFE

Alright. Goodbye!