

**Scriptures Sept. 4, 2022**  
**Proverbs 18:13-17 (NRSV)**

- <sup>13</sup> If one gives answer before hearing,  
it is folly and shame.
- <sup>14</sup> The human spirit will endure sickness;  
but a broken spirit—who can bear?
- <sup>15</sup> An intelligent mind acquires knowledge,  
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- <sup>16</sup> A gift opens doors;  
it gives access to the great.
- <sup>17</sup> The one who first states a case seems right,  
until the other comes and cross-examines.

**Gospel**  
**Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV)**

**19** He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> 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.’ <sup>6</sup> So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble and said, ‘He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.’ <sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.’ <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.’