

SACRED HEART

Novena Reflections

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Day 1: “Kingdom of the Heart of Christ, reign in my heart”

Fruit: To see Christ and allow Him to see me. Allow Christ to gaze on me and let Him establish the Kingdom of his love in my heart.

Petition:

Lord Jesus, give me the grace to know you more intimately, to enter into your heart and experience your personal love for me. Jesus, just as you love me, I ask you for this grace:
Make me fall passionately in love with you!

Gospel:

*“He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. Zaccheus **was trying to see** who **Jesus** was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree **in order to see Him**, for He was about to pass through that way. When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.” And Jesus said to him, “Today **salvation has come** to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”. Lk 19: 1-10*

- 1. He Wanted to SEE Jesus.**
- 2. “Today I Must Stay at Your House”.**
- 3. Fruits of the KINGDOM.**

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“Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much”. Lk 19: 8

What are these fruits?

- Living in the truth
- Generosity
- Audacity- evangelizing spirit
- Peace, joy

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to open my heart to you. I want to gaze on you and allow myself to be gazed on by you, come to my heart and stay in my house, stay with me forever. Establish YOUR KINGDOM in my heart and help me to be a reflection of YOUR LIVING KINGDOM with my life and my words. Christ Our King- TODAY LET YOUR KINGDOM COME INTO MY HEART. Christ MY KING, reign forever in my heart!

With the Kingdom of your Heart, reign in my heart!

For prayer and reflection:

1. What is it that I most desire from this novena dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?
2. In my life, have I let myself be gazed on by Christ? What does his gaze tell me?
3. Is there any resistance in me that prevents me from seeing Jesus and allowing myself to be seen by Him?
4. Is Christ the King of my Heart? What are the fruits of His Kingdom in my life?

Image:

Anonymous (n.d.). *Zacchaeus and the Sycamore Tree*. Retrieved from: <https://peteenns.com/zacchaeus-story-get-saved-every-day>