

JUNE 19, 2022

Theme: **Jesus Through The Lens of the Four Gospels**

Topic: **Savior For All**

Text: **Luke 19:1-10**

INTRODUCTION

- Luke 19 verses 1 to 9 is the story of Zacchaeus.
- The story is concluded in verse 9 and the point of the story is given in verse 10.
- The principle which is illustrated in the story of Zacchaeus is in verse 10, *“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*

LESSON

A. The Ability of Jesus to Know a Man Essentially

⁵ *When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”* ⁶ *So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.*

- Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector, the administrator of taxation under the Roman government.
- He was very rich. In his curiosity he wants to see who Jesus.
- He had two problems: big crowd, small man. It's not a good combination.
- Jesus comes to the place. He says, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”
- That's the first shock. He never met Jesus, perfect stranger, and Jesus knew his name.
- "Must" is a matter of divine, sovereign purpose, divine timing.
- "I must stay at your house today." He received Jesus with joy.

B. The Ability of Jesus to Change a Man Entirely

⁸ *But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”*

- Zacchaeus is one of the lost which Jesus seeks.
- Zacchaeus repented of his sins with the evidence of the transformation.
- First, He confessed Jesus as Lord.
- Second, "I give half of my possessions to the poor." is self-denial.
- This is, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself. Take up his cross and follow Me."
- He has affirmed that Jesus is his Lord and was totally transformed from being a thief to being a benefactor, from being selfish to being unselfish, from being a taker to being a giver.
- When true salvation comes, real transformation comes.
- This is not a parable, this is a real man in a real story in a real place.
- Jesus came to seek and save sinners and then to totally transform them.

C. The Ability of Jesus to Use a Man Effectively

⁹ *Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.”* ¹⁰ *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*

- *“The Son of Man”* emphasizes Jesus' humanity. God in human flesh.
- Son of God obviously emphasizes His deity; Son of Man emphasizes His humanness.

- *"came"* refers to His birth, His incarnation, His entry into the world
- *"to seek"* means to pursue, to look for, to watch for, to strive for, to search after.
- God has become incarnate, born into this world for the purpose of pursuing.
- *"and to save"* means to rescue or to deliver from danger or to preserve safe from harm
- *"the lost"* means having been ruined, having been devastated, having been destroyed.
- Sin has devastated all men and women. Sin has left us ruined and lost to our created purpose
- Lost to fellowship with God, lost to heaven, cut off from promise, strangers to God.
- We are hopelessly doomed and damned and stand in imminent danger of eternal hell.
- Zacchaeus was transformed and became a son of Abraham, meaning a father of faith for many.
- Tradition says Zacchaeus became the bishop of Caesarea. He became the father of many churches. (see Wikipedia)

CONCLUSION

- The purpose of Christ coming into the world was not to be an example.
- The purpose of Christ coming into the world was not to be a teacher.
- The purpose for which He came was to rescue men and women from sin and death and hell and despair and hopelessness and to preserve them safe and unharmed forever and ever in His presence and in His glory.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the significance of Zacchaeus calling Jesus "Lord" (v. 8)?
- What does the account of Zacchaeus illustrate?
- Why did Zacchaeus want to see Jesus?
- True or false: Zacchaeus hesitated to receive Christ into his house. Explain.