

# Jesus Seeks and Saves the Lost

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<sup>1</sup> He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.

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<sup>5</sup> And 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 and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”

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<sup>8</sup> And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

# Seeking Jesus

Luke 19:3–4 <sup>3</sup> And he was **seeking to see who Jesus was**, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature.

- We must lift up Jesus Christ. Let people see Jesus.
- We must remove any barriers that prevent people from seeing Jesus for who He really is.

# Common Barriers

- Disunity
- Behavior and attitudes that don't reflect Christ.
- Traditionalism – when tradition is more important than fulfilling the mission.

# Jesus' Mission – Seeking the Lost

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

- Jesus is seeking the lost.
- We are to join him in this mission.

# Joy or Grumbling

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- Are we judging the “sinner” or offering Jesus to those who need Him?
- Life change follows an encounter with Christ.