

Message Notes | Reasons for the Season

Part 1: Rescue for the Lost

Luke 19:1-10

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is _____ that you're _____.

→ a tax collector in Jericho - **vs. 1-2**

→ Jesus had no choice but to stay with him - **vs. 3-6**

#2 Jesus came for you,
not the _____ you
that _____ you.

→ not acting like a "sinner" - **vs. 7-8**

→ Jesus came to seek AND save - **vs. 8-10**

#3 The reason for the season
was a _____.

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Group Questions | Reasons for the Season

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1. Why do you think it is difficult for most people to admit they are lost, spiritually or otherwise? What fears or assumptions keep us from being honest?
2. **Read Luke 19:1-2.** Zacchaeus seemed successful on the outside, but he was socially despised and spiritually lost. In what ways can success mask spiritual emptiness? Have you seen this in yourself or others?
3. **Read Luke 19:5-6.** What stands out to you about the moment Jesus calls Zacchaeus by name and insists on coming to his house? How does that shape your understanding of who Jesus is and why he came?
4. **Read Luke 19:7.** The crowd grumbled about Jesus spending time with a "sinner." What does this say about the way they viewed themselves in comparison to Zacchaeus?
5. **Read Luke 19:8.** Zacchaeus experienced a transformation that showed up in concrete actions. Why does being rescued by Jesus often produce observable changes in a person's life?
6. The message ended with two steps: admit you're lost, and seek Jesus. What happens if you do one without the other?

Which of those feels most challenging for you right now, and why?
7. What might it look like for you to "seek Jesus" in a simple, practical way this week?

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Bible Reading for Today

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Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

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.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

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."

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."