

Luke 19:1–10

“What Happens When Jesus Brings Salvation to a House”

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What happens when Jesus seeks and saves the lost? Pastor leads his family in today’s “Hopewell @Home” passage. Luke 19:1–10 prepares us for the first second reading in the morning worship service on the coming Lord’s Day. In these ten verses of holy Scripture, we learn that Jesus does the impossible (saving a rich man) by giving him curiosity, knowing him, seeking him out, making him to receive Jesus gladly, giving him willingness to give anything up for Jesus, making him wish to reflect well upon his new Master, and promising to do the same in and for the rest of his household.

Thursday, June 3, 2021 • Read Luke 19:1–10

Questions from the Scripture text: Through where was Jesus passing (v1)? Who was there (v2)? What five things do we learn about him in vv2–3? What does he do in v4? What does Jesus do and say in v5? How does Zacchaeus respond in v6? How did the crowd respond, and why (v7)? But to whom does Zacchaeus address himself in v8? What does he pledge? What does Jesus say has come in v9? To whom? Why? What has the Son of man done (v10)? To do what?

“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (v10). That’s Jesus’s summary of how this all happened.

Perhaps Zacchaeus thought he was the seeker. He certainly went through some effort to overcome his height disadvantage. But Jesus gives us a clue in v9 about where good works like those in v8 (or effort like that in v3–4) come from: Jesus Himself.

“Today salvation has come to this house” in v9 reprises v6’s “today I must stay at your house.” Jesus Himself is salvation, and He Who came to the house produced these good things in the master of the house. It was Jesus Who stopped in v5, Who called Zacchaeus by name, Who insisted on coming to his house.

How necessary this was! For, v2 had delivered the terrible news, “and he was rich.” Coming on the heels of 18:24–26, that’s a heavy blow. But the crowd’s complaint in v7 actually identifies why Zacchaeus was joyful (v6) as opposed to the sorrowful rich man from ch18. He needed Jesus. He was a sinner. What use were all the earthly goods in the world to someone who knew that Jesus Himself was the “one thing he lacked”?

The proverbial Pharisee of 18:11 comes back to mind on the lips of an entire crowd in v7, who could easily have thanked God that they weren’t like that sinner come down from the tree. But it’s for sinners that Jesus came. “The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

How are you the kind of person that Jesus came to seek and save? How has He sought you? How have you received Him? What have you gladly given up for Him?

Suggested Songs: ARP16A “Keep Me, O God” or TPH508 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

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Luke 19 verses 1 through 10, these are God's words. Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho now behold there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector. And he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was.

But could not because of the crowd for he was sort of stature so he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him for he was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place he looked up and saw him and said to him.

Zacchaeus make haste and come down. For today, I must stay at your house. So he made haste and came down and received him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complain saying he has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner. Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord look.

Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor and if I've taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold. And Jesus said to him today salvation has come to this house. Because he also is a son of Abraham. For the son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

So far the reading of God's inspired and inherent word.

Verse 10 is possibly an appropriate theme verse for the entire gospel of Luke. The son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost one of the big problems in the book of Luke with people is that they did not think that they were lost.

The Pharisee in the temple was certain that he wasn't lost but God but the Lord Jesus said that it was the publican the sinner tax collector. Who went home to his house justified. The rich young ruler didn't think he was lost he thought there was just maybe one thing left to do.

And that he would inherit eternal life.

Zacchaeus. Is rich which is a problem because remember what Jesus said after the rich young ruler didn't want to give up his riches to have Jesus because he didn't feel like he was lost so he didn't feel that needy of Jesus and it wasn't worth giving up the riches.

Jesus said, How awful it is to be rich because. How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God for it is easier for camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God, but here.

Jesus says. To death. A salvation has come to this house because he also has a son of Abraham. So this is an account of how God does well is impossible with man. A rich man gets saved. And the rich man is not really responsible for this at all. Not only does verse 10 tell us for the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. Verse 3 tells us he sought to see who Jesus will he didn't even know Jesus was when this starts.

He's just a little guy and there's a big crowd and so he wants to see what all the commotion is. He climbs up into a tree to try to get a glimpse. Is Jesus who instead of passing by the tree stops at the tree? Zacchaeus doesn't know who Jesus was but Jesus.

He looks up into the tree. He says Zacchaeus.

And Jesus invites himself over to Zacchaeus's house. And Zacchaeus doesn't say oh no. This guy and has 12 friends and is hundreds and thousands of followers are gonna come to my house for supper. Remember when Absalom was trying to cook up his eminent murder plot and he invited David David said no lest we trouble you too much.

Why? Because David was the king and he would have his royal retinue who had come with him and he didn't want to trouble him too much. But Zacchaeus. Made haste came down and received him joyfully. His rejoicing to receive a man who a few verses ago few seconds ago didn't even know who he was.

Why how? Because Jesus by his spirit gave Zacchaeus, not just an initial curiosity. But joy to receive him gladly even at great cost. And it was a lot higher than the cost of the dinner, wasn't it? Because he said, I'm going to start by giving half of my assets away.

For the poor. Jesus didn't even tell him to do it because he was so thankful to have Jesus. He was willing to do he was willing to volunteer basically what Jesus had told the rich young ruler to do in the rich young ruler couldn't. You see the difference the Lord Jesus makes in the heart to not just be curious about him.

That's fine that's good to be curious about him to want to know things about who Jesus is who God is and how the Father and the Son and the Spirit are three persons but one God and how Jesus is one person but God and man, and then you learn all sorts of things about his character and prophecies about him and it's great to be curious about Jesus.

But it's a more important and vital work of the Holy Spirit for you to receive Him gladly and to be willing to give up anything for Him. In fact, it sounds in part like Zacchaeus was concerned for Jesus' reputation because he heard the people complaining saying he is gone to be guests with a man who is a sinner.

They weren't attacking Zacchaeus. They were attacking Jesus. Ezekiel didn't want his guests and now his Lord to be under attack like that. And so he pledges not only to give half of his things to the poor. But that if he has defrauded anybody. If he has gotten extra from them by accusation, he would give the amount plus four times.

So he would give a five-fold back. The law required the amount plus one-fifth one point two-fold back. So, he's a Kia's out of a desire that his Lord and his savior would be honored was glad to do above and beyond what anyone else would have expected. Is this not what we want the Lord Jesus to do in our hearts to make us not just curious about him but to rejoice to receive him to be glad to give up whatever is helpful.

Whatever brings him honor and to live life with such godliness and blamelessness before men that if at all possible we wouldn't bring any shame at all. Upon our savior's name. Well, this is what Jesus does when he seeks and saves that which was lost. And salvation didn't just come to Zacchaeus didn't.

Verse nine. Today salvation has come to this house. He didn't mean rocks with plaster holding them together. He meant his household his family. Why? Because Jesus saved him because he was a son of Abraham. Jesus covenanted committed himself to him brought Zacchaeus and his children into that covenant relationship in which he had brought Abraham and his children.

And the Apostle Paul tells us in Romans chapter 4 the Abrahams the father of all the Jews who believed circumcised when circumcised and all of the Gentiles who believed when uncircumcised because when Abraham first believed he was uncircumcised. And then when Abraham had believed he was circumcised into him circumcision was given.

And so Jesus makes it clear that when he seeks and saves those who are lost. He is seeking and saving those who are the children of Abraham and bringing salvation not only to them. But to them and their children. Just like he has promised to Abraham and to his spiritual children the children of promise not necessarily his biological children, so that means is that not only do I look at this and have got good hope.

Lord helping me and he will and by his spirit that I would be curious about Jesus that I would rejoice to receive him that I would be happy to pay whatever cost for him that I would desire to reflect well upon my master but that that salvation which he has brought to me, he's also promised to my children.

That's one of the reasons why we use the means that he is appointed in the worship and we use the means that he has appointed when we're not in the worship because I'm desiring him and he has promised to give you curiosity about himself. To make you a rejoice to receive him gladly to make you willing to give up whatever might be necessary for him and to desire to live in such a way that reflects well upon your savior let's ask him to do that.

Father, thank you that. You have given your son on this rescue mission to seek and to save that which is lost. And we pray that. As you have made us children of Abraham that you would for my children and then for their children bring salvation to their house. Grant to them to be curious about Christ to be known by Christ that he would come and that he would dwell with them that they would receive him gladly.

That they would be happy to give up whatever is necessary for him and to eager to live in such a way that reflects well upon women glorifies him.Do this for me and my wife my children of my house.And grant that they too one day.Would be the parents in houses where Jesus comes where they are known by him and he does this work and their children by his spirit.

So grant a father we ask through the name of your son him you have given us even Jesus amen.