

**Sermon Text:** Luke 19:1-10 Jesus Seeks and Saves the Lost

**Because Jesus seeks and saves the lost, a most impossible sinner is transformed into a most charitable son.**

**1) Successfully lost (19:2-4).**

- a) The Lost Estate of Zacchaeus: “chief tax collector and rich”
  - i) Zacchaeus had worldly success—“chief” tax collector (v. 2)
  - ii) Zacchaeus was morally compromised—“tax collector” (v. 2); “if I have defrauded” (v. 8)
  - iii) Zacchaeus was spiritually ensnared—“rich” (v. 2; cf. 6:24; 8:14; 12:16-21, 33-34; 16:19-31; 18:24)
  - iv) Zacchaeus was eagerly curious—“seeking to see who Jesus was . . . he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him” (v. 4; cf. 15:1-2).
  - v) Zacchaeus was dangerously astray from God—“the lost” (v. 10)
- b) **Application:**
  - i) Success and wealth can mask the emptiness of the soul.
    - (1) Vocational/educational achievement gives a sense of accomplishment that can distract from failure in walk with God.
    - (2) Physical comfort and pleasure can distract from pain of conscience.
    - (3) Consumerism offers numerous idols to distract from alienation from God.
    - (4) Jesus warned that the “good life” can be an obstacle to real life.
  - ii) Do you know who Jesus is? “Seek the Lord while He may be found” (Isa. 55:6).

**2) Effectively saving (19:5-10).**

- a) The Effective Shepherding of Jesus: “to seek and to save”
  - i) Jesus takes notice— “He looked up” (v. 5a)
  - ii) Jesus calls by name— “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down” (v. 5b; cf. John 10:3)
  - iii) Jesus does the Father’s will—“for I must stay at your house today” (v. 5c)
  - iv) Jesus produces repentance:
    - (1) Joy (v. 6)
    - (2) Generosity (v. 8a)
    - (3) Righteousness (v. 8b)
  - v) Jesus defends against wolves—“They all grumbled, ‘He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner’” (v. 7)
    - (1) Jesus reassures Zacchaeus—“And Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham’ (v. 9)
    - (2) Jesus corrects the hopeless perspective of the people—“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (v. 10).
- b) **Application:**
  - i) Have you heard the voice of Jesus calling your name? John 10:3-5, 16
  - ii) Are you listening to the hopeless message of the crowds or to the voice of Jesus?
  - iii) How is repentance evident in your life?

**Doxology:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every Spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:3-6)