

REASONS  
FOR THE  
SEASON

**TO SEEK AND  
SAVE THE LOST**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.

**LUKE 19:1-10**

<sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately.

**LUKE 19:1-10**

I must stay at your house today.”<sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.<sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord!

**LUKE 19:1-10**

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.”

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

**LUKE 19:1-10**

“Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’”

**LUKE 15:5**

<sup>9</sup> “And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’”

**LUKE 15:9**

“Let’s have a feast and celebrate.  
<sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is  
alive again; he was lost and is found.”

**LUKE 15:23-24**

Jesus has great value for lost people and so should we.  
We need to see lost people through Jesus' eyes.

**JESUS CALLS  
OUR NAME**

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

**LUKE 19:5**

Jesus addressed Zacchaeus by  
name on a first encounter.

But now, this is what the LORD says—  
he who created you, Jacob, he who  
formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I  
have redeemed you; I have summoned  
you by name; you are mine.”

**ISAIAH 43:1**

You were His before you knew  
you were His. Your first  
encounter with Jesus is simply  
the realization of something that  
is already true of you.

**JESUS KNOWS  
OUR WEAKNESS**

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mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of  
a sinner.” <sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and  
said to the Lord, “Look, Lord!

**LUKE 19:7-8**

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.”

**LUKE 19:7-8**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house,

**MATTHEW 9:9-13**

many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

**MATTHEW 9:9-13**

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

<sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**MATTHEW 9:9-13**

Jesus knows everything about us.

Zacchaeus' first weakness was  
his love of money.

Zacchaeus' second weakness  
was stealing.

Jesus never said anything to  
expose Zacchaeus weaknesses!  
His presence was enough to  
move Zacchaeus' heart to make  
all wrongs right.

**JESUS COMES  
INTO OUR  
HOME**

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

**LUKE 19:9-10**

The home is meant to be  
symbolic of the human heart.  
Will we make room for Him?  
Will we be hospitable toward Him?

<sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

**REVELATION 3:20**

The time came for the baby to be born,  
<sup>7</sup> and [Mary] gave birth to her firstborn,  
a son. She wrapped him in cloths and  
placed him in a manger, because there  
was no guest room available for them.

**LUKE 2:6-7**

If Jesus is in your heart, then  
He is present in your home.  
He is the unseen guest of honour.

If lost people mattered to Jesus,  
then they must matter to us.  
As Christians, we have been  
overly focused on saved people.

# **SERMON REVIEW**

- 1) JESUS CALLS OUR NAME
- 2) JESUS KNOWS OUR WEAKNESS
- 3) JESUS COMES INTO OUR HOME

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