

"CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING"

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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TEXT: LUKE 19:1-10

TITLE: WHY DID JESUS COME? TO SEEK AND SAVE

INTRODUCTION

- A. What is the primary difference between family and enemies?
- B. How did the people view tax collectors?
- C. Why did Jesus treat Zacchaeus like family when others treated him like an enemy?

ZACCHAEUS SOUGHT / DESIRED TO SEE WHO JESUS WAS

- A. Sought = To seek, to aim at, to strive after, to crave, to desire
- B. See = To become acquainted with by experience
- C. His size and the crowd being obstacles, he climbed up a tree
- D. How badly do you desire to see who Jesus is?

JESUS GAVE ZACCHAEUS MORE THAN HE DESIRED

- A. Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus' house
 - 1. The crowd complained murmured indignantly complained
 - 2. Crowd, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."
 - 3. 1st Century's expectation of being a guest in someone's home
- B. After becoming acquainted with Jesus, Zacchaeus acted like family
 - 1. Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor
 - 2. And if I have taken [money wrongfully] anything from anyone by false accusation [money wrongfully], I restore fourfold

C. Jesus defended Zacchaeus as family

- 1. Jesus, "He is also a son of Abraham."
- 2. Literal son by lineal descent
- 3. Spiritual son by relationship with Jesus
 - a. Galatians 3:7, ⁷ Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons [daughters] of Abraham
 - b. Galatians 3:26-29, ²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus ²⁹ And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.
- D. Jesus came to seek out and save those who are lost

JESUS WILL GIVE YOU MORE THAN YOU DESIRE

- D. Jesus will defend you as family
- E. Jesus came to seek you out and save you _____