

# The Heart of Jesus is to Seek and Save the Lost – Luke 19:10

1. The story of Zacchaeus and Jesus' statement of His purpose
  - A. Although Zacchaeus sought out Jesus, he was lost – Luke 19:1-7 (1017)
  - B. Zacchaeus had a change of heart – Luke 19:8-9 (1017)
  - C. Jesus affirms that this is the reason He came – Luke 19:10 (1017)
2. Who is included in the lost?
  - A. There are only two possibilities regarding our spiritual condition – John 3:16-18, 36 (1030); 1 John 5:10-12 (1186); Acts 4:12 (1058)
    - 1) Those who have put their trust in Christ for salvation
    - 2) Everyone else is among “the lost”
3. What does it mean to be lost?
  - A. The lost are separated from God – Isaiah 59:2 (722)
  - B. The lost will face God's judgment – Hebrews 10:26-31 (1168)
    - 1) Rejecting God's grace has serious consequences – vs. 26-29
    - 2) God has the power and right to judge – vs. 30
    - 3) It is terrifying to face God's judgment – vs. 31
      - a) There is a coming judgment of unbelievers and eternal punishment in Hell – Revelation 20:11-15 (1206)
4. Why do we have difficulty reaching the lost?
  - A. They don't look lost – Being lost is a spiritual condition, it is invisible
  - B. They don't know they are lost – That is why we must seek them out
    - 1) Most people rarely think about eternity
    - 2) Satan has been very effective in convincing people that they are OK – Universalism, good works, comparison, etc.
    - 3) Ex. Nathan's airport experience
  - C. They think there is no hope for them – They have accepted being lost and need to experience God's grace
    - 1) Ex. What if you are wrong...
  - D. We have become isolated from the lost
    - 1) Ex. I don't know anyone who goes to church...
  - E. We do not appreciate the destiny of those who are lost
  - F. We do not value the lost the way Jesus did – We must love them