

Fellowship Baptist, December 7, 2014

Message: "Jesus Makes a Difference"-- Luke 19:1-10

INTRODUCTION: In a little over two weeks we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus. Few will take time to remember why He came. Many are confused as to why He came. The purpose of His coming is stated in Luke 19:10. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." The purpose of His coming is stated in many other passages of Scripture. "I am not come to call the

- I. There must be the realization of the lost condition of the soul.
  - A. The whole don't need a physician and those who are not lost don't need to be found.
  - B. The need of salvation is realized by reading the word of God.—Rom. 10:17;
    1. The word of God identifies sin.—Rom. 7:7, 13.
    2. The word of God convicts of sin.—Rom. 3:19
  - C. The need of salvation is realized by seeing the effects of sin in the life.
  - D. The need of salvation is realized when there is "a sense of justice.
- II. Zaccheus had a need of salvation.—v. 1-4
  - A. He was a publican (tax collector)—dishonest.
  - B. He was rich but that did not satisfy him. :
  - C. He was a sinner by reputation.—v. 7
  - D. He sought Jesus.—v. 3-4
  - E. Jesus sought out Zaccheus.—v. 5
    1. God sought out Adam & Eve in the garden.
    2. Jesus sought the woman at the well--John 4.
    3. Jesus sought Levi the tax collector.
- III. Zaccheus was a changed man.—v. 7-9
  - A. Zaccheus received Jesus Joyfully.—v. 7 (II Cor. 5:17)
    1. He was a sinner now he is a sinner saved by grace.
    2. He was now compassionate—gave to the poor.
    3. He had a desire to make things right with others.
  - B. Zaccheus experienced the joy of the Lord.
    1. He received Jesus joyfully.—v. 6
    2. Jesus abode at his house.—v. 5
    3. Salvation was a reality.—v. 8

CONCLUSION: Jesus made a difference in Zaccheus' life for time and eternity. For eternity he will be a resident of heaven, walking streets of gold and enjoying all the pleasures of heaven. For time he experienced the abundant life—sins forgiven, joy of the lord, God's presence and help throughout life!