

TEXT: Luke 19:1-10

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TITLE: "WHY DID JESUS COME?"

SERIES: "WHY WE HAVE HOPE!" #1

We are praying during this special season of outreach opportunities.

We will be asking three questions that will help us to answer the question, "Why we have hope." The first question is, "Why Did Jesus Come?"

ILLUSTRATION: Some years ago, the story broke that Sohan Singh has banned customers from his grocery store in England. He told a London newspaper that he was forced to take such drastic action because of people's bad manners. First, he banned smoking, then crude language, baby strollers, pets, and finally, customers themselves. Shoppers now must look through the window to spot items they want and then ring a bell to be served through a small hatch in the door. "I have lost business, but I cannot say how much," Singh said. "I am a man of principles, and I stand by my decision." (*Flagstaff Live*, June 4-10, 1998)

It seems to me that a grocer who bans customers from his store has lost sight of his purpose! If your aim is to sell groceries, then you must put up with some people whom you may dislike in order to achieve your purpose. We must not forget the purpose of the Savior or the purpose of His church. Jesus Came to Seek and Save the Lost. The heart of the Savior reached out to the lost and so must His church and His people.

The Lord Jesus always kept in view the purpose of His coming to earth. He states it in Luke 19:10, the theme verse of the entire gospel of Luke, **"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."**

I. (v.1-4) JESUS CAME SO WE MIGHT SEE THE SAVIOR

1. Jesus was passing through Jericho, one of the most important cities of ancient Israel.
2. Jericho is considered to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world; during the Roman rule, Mark Anthony gave the city as a present to his beloved Cleopatra.
3. Located in the tropical plain about six miles west of the Jordan River, it was a center of trade, commerce, business, industry and agriculture.
4. Jesus was only passing through Jericho, for it was not His destination.
5. He was on His way to Jerusalem, about seventeen miles away.
6. We are told that there was a wealthy man there by the name of Zacchaeus.
7. Zacchaeus was the chief of the tax collectors at Jericho, one of the greatest taxation centers in Palestine, suggesting he was at the top of the ladder in the IRS of his day.
8. The unforgettable story of Zacchaeus is only found in the gospel of Luke.

ILLUSTRATION: **(Child or children sing live or tape) Those of us who grew up in the church may remember that rhyme that has eternally embedded Zacchaeus in our minds:**

**"Zacchaeus was a wee little man,
And a wee little man was he.**

**He climbed up into a sycamore tree,
For the Lord he wanted to see.
But as the Savior passed his way,
He looked up in the tree,
And he said,
'Zacchaeus, you come down,
For I'm going to your house today.'** ”

9. With tax deadlines coming later this week, this story is not too distant for us.
10. One thing we do know about Zacchaeus is that he had a desire to see Jesus.
11. Since Jesus was only passing through, he seized the opportunity to see Him.
12. Scripture does not tell us why he wanted to see who Jesus was, but only that he did.
13. Whether it was popularity, curiosity, need, hope, or something else, it is unknown, but we do know that he wanted to see who He was.
14. There are many reasons people have wanted to see who Jesus was through the centuries.
15. Curiosity, intellect, morals, religion, hope, pain, loss, emptiness, crises and difficulties are only a few of the reasons people have wanted to know who Jesus is.

ILLUSTRATION: When C.S. Lewis lost his wife, he recorded notes of his emotional pain. In the middle of his hurt, he wrote a very penetrating statement, “I need Christ, not something that resembles him. In the midst of grief, and every other aspect of life, we can’t afford anything less than Christ.”

16. Zacchaeus took the opportunity to see the real Jesus when He was passing by.
17. However, Zacchaeus had an obstacle to overcome.
18. The crowd was too large and he was too small.
19. To see Jesus, he had to find a way to look past the crowd.
20. The crowd was blocking his view.
21. You will not see Jesus if you allow the crowd to block your view.

ILLUSTRATION: (*John cartoon) Second copy with punch line. Speaking of a restaurant to some fellow baseball players, Yogi Berra once said “Nobody goes there anymore. It’s too crowded.”

22. The reality was that someone was going or there would not have been a crowd.
23. There are always crowds that can block or view of Jesus.
24. Zacchaeus had to look past the crowd that murmured at him and look to Jesus.
25. The crowd could not offer him what Jesus could.
26. A crowd can be anything that blocks our view of Jesus.
27. Many have allowed the crowd of busyness, pride, materialism, relationships, desire, fear of failure, inadequacy, hurt and others to crowd Jesus out of their lives and rob them from seeing who He is.
28. Zacchaeus was not satisfied with the crowd; he wanted to see who Jesus was.

“So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. (Luke 19:4)

29. Some have commented that "Because the branches of the sycamore fig tree are strong and wide spreading, and because it produces many lateral branches, it was an easy tree for Zacchaeus to climb and in which he could easily be hidden."
30. Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was enough to climb the tree to see Him.

EXAMPLE: In the preceding chapter, Luke tells of another man that did not allow the crowd to stop him from seeing who Jesus was. We read that as Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied.

"Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God." (Luke 18:42-43)

31. He wanted to see Jesus enough to do what he needed to do to see past the crowd.

32. How strong is your desire get past the things that can crowd Jesus out and block your view so you can see who Jesus is?

33. Do you desire to see Jesus enough that you are not willing to let anything crowd out worship, time in the Word and prayer so you may better know Him.

34. His desire was to see Jesus.

ILLUSTRATION: When I was a kid growing up, we had a big eucalyptus tree in the field across the street from us. The kids in the neighborhood would all climb that tree and play on the big limbs. All of them except me. I was not the smartest kid but I was smart enough to know that if my feet were dangling over one of those tree limbs they were not on the ground, and I always like to have my feet on the ground. I wanted to climb the tree because all my friends were doing it, but my fear kept me on the ground. But, one day, my desire became greater than my fear. That day, my desire became stronger than all the things that kept me from climbing it, so I made my way up the tree to a limb and out on it. I got there because my desire to climb up and to be in the tree was stronger than the reasons not to.

35. What is your desire?

36. The Psalmist said, **"One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." (Psalm 27:4)**

37. Again, the psalmist said, **"Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you." (Psalm 73:25)**

38. Paul says in Philippians, **"What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ...I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his suffering, becoming like him in his death." (Philippians 3:8&10)**

39. Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was.

40. Jesus wanted Zacchaeus to know who He was and what He could do in his life.

41. Jesus came so you and I could know that He is the one who came to seek and save the lost.

42. Jesus came so we could know who He is.

43. Jesus came so that by faith we can see the Savior.

II. (v.5-8) JESUS CAME TO STAY WITH SINNERS IN A LIFE-TRANSFORMING WAY

1. Surrounded by the crowd, Jesus saw Zacchaeus and did not pass him by.

“Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” (Luke 19:5)

ILLUSTRATION: (John draw cartoon of this with second copy with punch line)**

Wanda Vassallo tells this story. “A few years ago, a good friend of mine took his three-year-old daughter, Amy, to her first circus. Before the event, her father tried his best to describe the exciting atmosphere of the big top. She asked lots of questions along the way. Would she get to pet the elephant? Could she swing on the trapeze? Would the clowns come and talk to her? The night before, she could hardly sleep. She woke her parents the next morning with, "Daddy, Daddy, come on. We can't be late." As they drove to the circus grounds, Amy's eyes sparkled. When they finally arrived, he had to hold her hand tightly to keep her from running ahead of him. He bought her peanuts and Cracker Jacks before taking their seats in the stands. Amy giggled as her father put the ring in the Cracker Jack box on her finger, pointing out the three rings in the center of the tent. "When's it going to start, Daddy? When's it going to start?" she asked again and again. Finally, it began. Amy clapped her hands to the music and squealed with delight as she watched the parade of animals and performers. Her eyes darted back and forth, not knowing which of the three rings to watch. Suddenly, Amy became very still and quiet. "What is it, Amy?" my friend asked. "Daddy," she said, her voice filled with awe, "They did all this just for me."

2. Jesus came to make a difference in the life of Zacchaeus.

3. He walked up to Zacchaeus looked him in the eye and said, “I need to come to your house.”

4. Jesus was saying, “You need me today, Zacchaeus.”

5. He did not say, “I would like to stay at your house,” but used a strong expression saying, “I must stay.”

6. He had something that He wanted to do in the life of Zacchaeus.

7. Zacchaeus could have been looking at the crowd saying, “Wow! That person over there really needs Jesus.”

8. But, Jesus looked at Zacchaeus and said, “You need me.”

ILLUSTRATION: When I was a kid growing up, my dad would listen to the record of a Christian singer he liked over and over again. There was a song that said, “It’s me, it’s me, standing in the need of prayer.”

9. Sometimes we look at others and say, “That person really needs Jesus.”

10. “That person is having marital problems,” or, “That person has a lousy attitude,” or “That person is a mess.”

11. But, all the time, Jesus may be looking at us, saying, “You need me today. I need to come to your house.”

12. He cares about you today.

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” (I Peter 5:7)

13. Jesus still calls us by name and says, “I want to come to your house today.”

14. “I want to come to your house today and give you healing.”

15. “I want to come to your house today and give you peace.”

16. “I want to come to your house today and give you forgiveness.”

17. "I want to come to your house today and give you a special portion of my grace."
18. "I want to come to your house today and give you my guidance."
19. "I want to come to your house today and give you strength."
20. "I want to come to your house today and give you victory over the things that pull you down."
21. "I want to come to your house and minister to you today."
22. Jesus knows who needs Him today.
23. It was an urgent call, for it was an imperative, calling for immediate action, no delay.
24. Jesus had something for Zacchaeus on that day, right then, and it was necessary that he not miss the moment.
25. The time to respond to God is when He calls so you do not miss out on what He has for you in that moment.
26. He does not want you to miss out on His healing or the hope, the forgiveness, the peace or the encouragement He has for you.
27. He does not want you to miss out on forgiveness one more minute.
28. The purpose of the altar is so people won't miss the "now" moment.

ILLUSTRATION: We kept inviting the neighbors to come to church at our first church. We were surprised when neighbors came on Easter Sunday. He gave his life to Jesus. The next day, he was in my office, wanting to do something. He said to me, "I have wasted 64 years and I don't want to waste anymore time."

29. God does not want us to waste another moment or another opportunity.
30. Zacchaeus understood the "now" moment and responded at once and welcomed Him gladly.
31. He did not let anything distract him from the "now" moment with Jesus.
32. Jesus met his need.

ILLUSTRATION: ** "Jesus Christ turns life right-side-up, and heaven outside-in." (Carl F.H. Henry)

33. The Scripture says that he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly.
34. He did not miss the opportunity for Jesus to come and stay with him but welcomed Him with Joy.
35. Joy is an appropriate response to God's initiative on our behalf.
36. I pray that we will all have the Spirit of Zacchaeus and come down at once when Jesus calls.

ILLUSTRATION: Most people would be a little embarrassed to have unexpected company when their house was a mess. Mike Silva shares this. "My family was staying at a hotel in Nigeria, West Africa, one time when I heard a knock on the door. I opened it and found a smiling Nigerian gentleman ready to clean our room. I was so embarrassed! My family had travel bags, curling irons, and crumpled clothing sprawled across our unmade beds. Wet towels were all over the bathroom floor. I apologized profusely, but the young man replied graciously, "No problem, sir. For this reason I have come, to put your things in order."

37. The Bible says this is exactly what Jesus Christ came to do for us, to put our lives in order!
38. He doesn't demand that we first straighten up our mess. Instead, He offers to clean up for us.
39. Jesus had come to Zacchaeus just as he was to clean him up.

40. In the ancient culture, the request revealed Jesus acceptance of Zacchaeus, thus it stunned the crowd.

“All the people saw this and began to mutter, ‘He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.’” (Luke 19:7)

41. The people were unable to understand how Jesus could associate with sinners without defiling Himself.

42. They were blinded to the purpose of why Jesus came.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” (Luke 19:10)

43. The salvation of Jesus reaches those others don't think it can reach.

44. Unlike many of His religious critics, Jesus does not condemn the lost, nor does He judge people according to outward appearances.

45. Jesus calls all to repentance, religious and irreligious, healthy and sick, rich and poor.

ILLUSTRATION: In the 3rd-century, a skeptic named Celsus made fun of Origen (a Christian leader of day) "When most teachers go forth to teach, they cry, ‘Come to me, you who are clean and worthy,’ and they are followed by the highest caliber of people available. But, your silly master cries, ‘Come to me, you who are down and beaten by life,’ and so, he accumulates around him the rag, tag, and bobtail of humanity." And, Origen replied: "Yes, they are the rag, tag and bobtail of humanity. But, Jesus does not leave them that way. Out of material you would have thrown away as useless, He fashions men, giving them back their self-respect, enabling them to stand on their feet and look God in the eyes. They were cowed, cringing, broken things. But the Son has set them free."

46. Jesus came for sinners so He could transform their lives.

47. Zacchaeus was a living example of Luke 18:27

“...What is impossible with men is possible with God.” (Luke 18:27)

48. The religious people would have given up on him for sure, but Jesus did not.

49. He was considered to be a sinner because of his profession and position.

50. No person, regardless of size, position, or apparent obstacle, is beyond the reach of salvation.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (II Corinthians 5:17)

51. Regardless of what he had done, Jesus had the power to save him and make him a son of Abraham and an heir of the promise.

52. Jesus came to transform lives.

53. Evidence of life transformation was revealed by his actions.

54. True repentance is seen by what we do.

55. The coming of Jesus into our homes should make some changes in our homes.

56. The coming of Jesus into our priorities should make changes in our priorities.

“But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! 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 19:8)

57. Zacchaeus changed his behavior and made restitution.

58. The wealthy tax collector had seen the error of his ways with materialism, dishonesty, and greed and now has repented.

59. He took steps to show all the community that he was a changed man.

60. His testimony was backed by actions.

61. Salvation is free but discipleship is costly.
62. He assigned half his goods to charity and made four-fold restitution, which was more than required by the Old Testament Law.
63. Restitution is confessing to those you have wronged and taking the necessary steps to repay what can be repaid and repair what can be repaired.

ILLUSTRATION: One time, when I was a young person in school, I cheated on a test in school. I felt so lousy. I asked God to forgive me, but I knew I needed to do more than that. I went to the teacher after class and confessed what I did and told him to do what he needed to do to make it right. I told him about my relationship with Jesus and that what I did was wrong in His eyes. How I wanted to please the Lord and I had not, so I told him I would do what needed to do to make it right. He was so shocked that he just said, “Don’t do it again.”

64. Jesus came to transform the lives of sinners.

65. Jesus came to transform the lives of sinners and make a difference in what we do.

ILLUSTRATION: Pastor Brian Bill tells of when he ran a parking lot for a guy named Gene Selznick. “He collected all the tips of the evening & then we’d get paid hourly. But when you ran the evening shift, no one knew how much came in. Myself, & the other couple guys who ran it would take from \$80-\$100 off the top. Then, I got saved! I started turning in all my tips from that point on. And, the other guys were pretty upset with me because it became very noticeable that when I ran it, my nights were always huge!”

66. Jesus came to transform the lives of sinners and make a difference in the way we live.

ILLUSTRATION: Not too many years ago, newspapers carried the story of Al Johnson, a Kansas man who came to faith in Jesus Christ. What made his story remarkable was not his conversion, but the fact that as a result of his newfound faith in Christ, he confessed to a bank robbery he had participated in when he was nineteen years old. Because the statute of limitations on the case had run out, Johnson could not be prosecuted for the offense. Still, he believed his relationship with Christ demanded a confession. And he even voluntarily repaid his share of the stolen money! (Today in the Word, April, 1989, p. 13.)

67. Jesus came to transform the lives of sinners.

68. How is your life different because of Jesus?

III. (v.9-10) JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE

1. Jesus made a decisive declaration.

“Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.’” (Luke 19:9)

2. This word ‘salvation’ becomes the big word to express the peace of the Old Testament, which means ‘health, restoration, wholeness.’

3. Jesus’ reply makes it clear that Zacchaeus had been saved

4. Jesus was saying, “This man is now in a right relationship with God.”

5. Jesus used that phrase because the Pharisees self-righteously thought that they were right with God because they were physical descendants of Abraham and they outwardly kept the law.

6. The confession and promised restitution showed that Zacchaeus had received salvation.

7. His response to Jesus had changed his values and revealed genuine repentance.
8. His contact with Jesus had made a real difference, and he was no longer the same self-centered man.
9. He was a true son of Abraham in that he was not only a Jew by birth but now by faith, therefore, he was a true son of Abraham.
10. Jesus is saying that this sinner whom they despised was a true son of Abraham, possessing salvation, because like Abraham, Zacchaeus believed God and it was reckoned to him as righteousness
11. Zacchaeus was now a true son of Abraham, in the sense that Paul put it when he said, **“Consider Abraham: ‘He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham.” (Galatians 3:6-7)**
12. Jesus looked at him and said, “Mission accomplished.”
13. Jesus wants to look at you today and say, “Mission accomplished.”
14. Jesus came to seek what was lost.
15. In the Old Testament, Ezekiel quotes God the Shepherd as saying this, **“I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak...” (Ezekiel 34:16)**
16. The Lord does what the nation had failed to do in the past, become a Shepherd to lost sheep.
17. God is a seeker of those who are lost and in grave danger.
18. This is foundational to our understanding of the Bible and of God's divine purpose in history.
19. He has come to seek people who are lost and not where they need to be spiritually.
20. Zacchaeus was a good example of a lost sheep who the seeking Shepherd found.
21. Jesus has come to reach the Zacchaeuses.
22. No writer in the New Testament puts more emphasis on this than does Luke.
23. Luke's marvelous and unique emphasis is found in three stories told in chapter 15.
24. The setting is similar to the setting of Zacchaeus the tax collector.
“Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’”(Luke 15:1-2)
25. In the first story, the Lord likens Himself to a shepherd seeking a lost sheep.
26. In the second story, the Lord likens Himself to a woman seeking a lost coin.
27. In the third story, Jesus likens Himself to a loving father seeking a lost son.
28. In all three stories, there is a celebration over the fact that which was lost is found.
29. Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
“In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 15:10)
30. There is nothing more joyful then when someone comes to Christ.
“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” (Luke 19:10)
31. In the New Testament, the word ‘lost’ means ‘in the wrong place.’
32. A person is lost when they are not where God intends them to be.
33. Jesus had come to seek and to save what was lost.
34. Jesus was on a mission.
35. This story of Zacchaeus is the mission of Jesus in miniature.

36. Jesus refers to Himself here as the Son of Man, His favorite way to refer to Himself.
37. In Jesus, we see perfect humanity, apart from sin, living in total dependence on the Father.
38. The term 'Son of Man' emphasizes that Jesus was in every way human, except for our sin.
39. Jesus used it with increasing frequency as He anticipated the cross.
40. As Theologian D. Guthrie observed, "Its meaning for Him was inextricably bound up with His work of redemption."
41. Although it took great condescension for Jesus Christ to lay aside the glory of heaven and to take on human nature, He always delighted in being a man.
42. Jesus is a great Savior for great sinners.
43. He came to seek and save what is lost.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17)

44. The mission of Jesus has not changed.
45. He has come to seek and to save lost people.
46. We must join in the mission of Jesus.

ILLUSTRATION: **Some years ago I found a little statement that has been burning on my heart the last several weeks. I taped it to my computer while working on this sermon. It is a statement by John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church that has really been burning on my soul. I shared it recently with our church board leadership who has the responsibility of promoting and protecting the purpose of the church, which is *to lift up Jesus so all are drawn to follow Him*. It is an eight-word statement that simply says this. "You have nothing to do but save souls." (John Wesley)

47. Is the mission of Jesus the priority in your life?
48. In II Corinthians, Paul wrote that God gave us the ministry of reconciliation.
49. He said, **"...And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."** (II Corinthians 5:19-20)

50. We must tell the message that through Jesus, people can be reconciled to God.

ILLUSTRATION Last year, CNN.com told the story of Harmon Parker, a master mason who has found a unique calling in building bridges—literal bridges in Kenya. One of the men who help him is David Kakuko, whose parents drowned in a flash flood years ago because there wasn't a safe way to cross the river. "Before the bridge, there [were] so many people, so many who lost their lives," remembers Kakuko. "I know, because I have no parents. I have no parents, because this river took them."

Motivated by his desire to love and obey Christ, Harmon Parker came to Kenya and proceeded to build 45 foot bridges. They are simply designed, with an average length of 120 feet and an average cost of \$6,000. He uses basic, local materials and always engages the people from the community to work and to help contribute.

According to the CNN article, he said, "I have built many bridges in very remote areas for the 'few and the needy' that a larger organization may not consider. Knowing this bridge will probably save at least one life is what makes me tick I build bridges because I want to save lives, lives that I will never know about." Parker funded an organization called Bridging the Gap to help fund his work. He has paid a high price himself in experiencing long periods away from his family, being robbed at gunpoint, and contracting serious illnesses. Yet, he says, "I feel I'm blessed ... privileged to do what I'm doing."

51. We can be bridges that God can use to help people know Jesus.

52. A bridge that can help people to experience the hope of Jesus.

53. We have many opportunities to pray for people this season.

54. We have many opportunities to let the light of Christ shine through our actions and deeds.

55. We have many opportunities to have conversations about Jesus during this season.

56. We have many opportunities to invite people to church during this season.

57. We must not ever forget why Jesus came.

58. We gather to celebrate in worship, but at the same time, we must be prepared to dive into mission, even when it's inconvenient and dangerous.

ILLUSTRATION: In November 2010, a wedding party in Glenelg, Australia, was unexpectedly called into action right after the wedding ceremony. While they were posing for pictures on a scenic ledge, a woman unrelated to the wedding fell into the water and started drowning. Dressed in his tuxedo, the best man jumped in and brought the woman back toward shore. Then, the bride, a trained nurse, waded into the water and started administering CPR. By the time the Surf Life-Saving volunteers had arrived, the woman had regained consciousness. But, according to one safety official, "[The victim] was very lucky that the bridal party was there and they acted quickly and got her to the shallows." After the daring rescue operation, the drenched but heroic best man and the bride happily rejoined the wedding reception and continued with the festivities.

59. In some ways, this unusual event serves as a great image for the calling of His church.

60. Worship and mission, loving God and loving others, praising and serving—these combinations aren't opposites; they form the dual nature of our calling as the church.

61. The heart and purpose of Jesus is to seek and save.

62. The heart and purpose of His church must be to participate in the mission of Jesus.

CONCLUSION: Why did Jesus come?

Jesus came so we can have hope and share that hope with others.

I. (v.1-4) JESUS CAME SO WE MIGHT SEE THE SAVIOR

II. (v.5-8) JESUS CAME TO STAY WITH SINNERS IN A LIFE-TRANSFORMING WAY

Before you dash away today, what are you going to do with this invitation that Jesus issues to you? "Come, I must stay at your house today."

III. (v.9-10) JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE

Before we go away do you need to renew your commitment to participate in the mission of Jesus to seek and to save? To share the hope of Christ with others.

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