To Seek and to Save Luke 19:1-10

**Preface**: Lottie Moon Goal of $225,000… $258.977.01

 Thank You video from David Platt… Set it Up.

Abuk, Refugee from Sudan… Houston, Amarillo… FBC embraced after an “Accidental” visit… Called back to Africa!

***Play Video***

**Intro**: I have been looking forward to this Sunday for a long time.

 Nine weeks until Easter… Luke’s Account of the week between

 Entry into Jerusalem and Resurrection (Sunday to Sunday)

 ***Passion*** Week = His Passion (Luke’s Word)… Suffering.

 Prayer = Deeper in Understand, Service and Love.

***More of His Saving Fullness see; more of His love Who died for me.***

**t/s** – We are going to begin just before Jerusalem, in Jericho.

 **Tell the Story of Zaccheus**

This morning, I want you to learn more about Jesus from this story.

It is Time for you to Understand Zacchaeus like a Grown Up ---

**ILL** – Pearl… “You come down!”

Did you know that this simple story is ***the Prologue to the Passion***?

* Chapter 19 is transition into the Passion Week.

**Prologue** = Tell ***what*** is about to happen and ***why***?

**ILL** – Video about Abuk, Refugee who became our missionary

 To say thank you for faithful giving!

**Luke 18: 31-33** – READ --- **What** is about to happen?

Zacchaeus encounter = ***WHY***?

**The Purpose of His Passion Is to Save the Lost.**

1. ***Rooted in OT Prophecy –***

Jesus uses “Son of Man” 82 times in Gospels to Describe self. Ezekiel language.

**Ezekiel 34: 1-2, 11, 23-24**

1. ***Focused on Purpose***

**Read the Story** ---

**Vs. 1** – Passing through…. To Jerusalem!

**Vs. 5** – I Must stay at your house…divine imperative… MISSION

 **Vs. 10** – Clearly Stated Purpose… Why He Came? (Mission)

**The Purpose of His Passion is to Save the Lost.**

(Luke loves clarity. He wants to make sure we Know!)

Riding into Jerusalem on a Donkey (Thesis)

Cleansing the Temple and Confronting the Religious Establishment, provoking them to anger. (Thesis)

Breaking the Bread and Pouring Out the Cup (Thesis)

Tolerates the evil intent of Judas, trap… (Thesis)

Allows His own Arrest and Silently Suffers Abuse (Thesis)

When we stand with the women and watch from a distance as His blood drips to the ground and He breathes His last (Thesis)

When the sun rises on Sunday morning and we find an empty tomb, the angel will remind us that (Thesis)

**The Purpose of His Passion Is to Save the Lost.**

**Application:**

***His Disciples share His Purpose.***

 Seeking the Lost.

 (Work and Pray toward Easter)

***Without Jesus, You are Lost.***

 **ILL** – In Los Angeles last week with Julie, “You are Lost.”

I am not Lost, just haven’t figured it out yet.

 **Lost** = Same NT word as “Perish”

 To be away, alienated, destitute, …

wandering on the road to Destruction!

Most are not Saved because they have never said, “I am Lost.”

Spurgeon,

“He will save only those who will claim this for their title, “Lost.”

Strong, Smart, Good… Figuring Life Out… Rejected Jesus.

Weak, confused, Broken, Sinners…. LOST!

 Like Zacchaues, welcomed Jesus into their home

 ***And when Jesus comes, Salvation comes with Him!***

Sometimes I imagine Zacchaeus clinging to that sycamore branch, all his dignity gone, singing an old Fanny Crosby song as he sees Jesus coming down the Jericho road….

 *Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry;*

 *While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.*

 *Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry!*