JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST

LUKE 19:1-10

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Religious teachers and leaders = "Law keepers" who look down on those "sinners" who break the rules and think highly of themselves for keeping the rules.

- Note that they differentiate themselves from these 'sinners' indicating that they don't see themselves as sinners. This is really important. For us to understand our need for a savior we first have to realize there is something that we need saving from.
- Both groups are lost... The people that _____ the rules and the people that _____ the rules. Both of them are in need of a _____. There is a _____ when it comes to admitting that we are lost. Because of this we all tend to try to justify ourselves by what we do or don't do. Jesus = _____ came to seek and to save that which was lost! - Think about it... The God of the universe has come seeking you! Jesus stops and calls out to Zacchaeus BY NAME. - Jesus doesn't just come to seek us but to save us! To say that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost indicates that there is that we need to be saved . Save us from what? Our ____... Our _____... and our _____. Ultimately, Jesus saves us ___ God's Grace, ___ God's Wrath, ___ God's Glory! LUKE 18:24-27 What does the story of Zacchaeus teach us about God and what we should do in response? 1. Jesus loves _____. He came to seek them (us) and to save them (us). Therefore, do whatever it takes to Jesus. This is such a beautiful realization we see in Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus comes to see Jesus and when he does he finds out that Jesus is seeking him! 2. There is literally _____ that is ____ with God! 3. God's arms are not _____ to save anyone. 4. Trust that when Jesus comes, _____ follows.

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Save us from what?

- Our <u>sin</u>... Our <u>shame</u>... <u>Ourselves</u> and our <u>own way</u>.
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- 2. There is literally <u>NOTHING</u> that is <u>IMPOSSIBLE</u> with God!
- 3. God's arms are not too short to save anyone.
- 4. Trust that when Jesus comes, salvation follows.