

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

THE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas in Jericho Luke 19:1-10

1. Christmas: When the eternal God came into our world as a man

“The Son of Man **came** ...”

That is, from heaven – God in our nature, on a mission

2. Jesus’ mission: to seek and to save lost people – like Zaccheus

Zaccheus’ name: “righteous” – except he was NOT righteous!

Paul’s testimony – 1 Timothy 1:15,16

ALL of US come into this world already lost, unrighteous sinners –
who need Jesus.

3. When Jesus found and saved Zaccheus.

He changed Zaccheus’ heart and life –

as He does for all whom He saves.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

4. Did Zaccheus earn salvation by giving his money to the poor?

No! Jesus earned Zaccheus’ salvation by His perfect righteousness & by His atoning death on the cross.

Jesus invited Himself to dine with Zaccheus in his home.

Jesus invites us to dine with Him in the feast of His kingdom –
The wedding feast of the Lamb that is coming.

Today, in the Lord’s Supper, Jesus is the host, offering Himself
as the Bread from heaven, for us to feast on by faith.

⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6

And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

Revelation 19:9