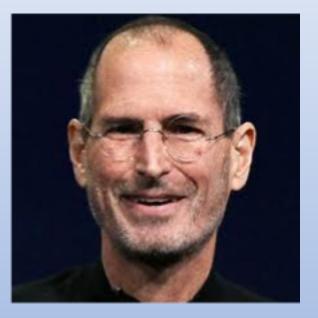


"Do you want to sell sugar water for the rest of your life? Or do you want to come with me and change the world?"

STEVE JOBS



"I would rather live a short life of glory than a long one of obscurity."

Alexander the Great



"Sometimes it's difficult to find compromises, but that's what we've been elected for. If everything just went like that without a problem, well, you don't need politicians to do these jobs."

ANGELA MERKEL



"The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Lk.19:10)

"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work." (1 Jn.3:8)

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"[Jesus] went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once." (Lk.19:11)

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"As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem." (Lk.9:51)

BARTIMAEUS, the Blind Beggar – Lk.18:35-43

"Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." (Lk.18:42)

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"Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Heb.11:1)

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." (Heb.11:6)

ZACCHAEUS, the Tax Collector – Lk.19:1-10

'To enter the home of a sinner or to have a sinner enter your home was to become tainted by their 'uncleanness.' In order to become 'clean' again, you would have to go undergo a series of ritual washings... Sharing meals with sinners was especially objectionable... To share food and drink with people was to identify with them and, in a sense, to endorse them.'

John Dickson – 'A Doubter's Guide to Jesus'

ZACCHAEUS, the Tax Collector – Lk.19:1-10

"He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." (Lk.19:7)

ZACCHAEUS, the Tax Collector – Lk.19:1-10

'In good village fashion, Zacchaeus affirms his sincerity by exaggeration. If he doesn't exaggerate, the crowd will think he means the opposite.'

Kenneth Bailey – 'Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes'

ZACCHAEUS, the Tax Collector – Lk.19:1-10

"Today salvation has come to this house." (Lk.19:9)

WHO ARE THE LOST ?

- two brothers (Lk.15)
- rich man and Lazarus (Lk.16)
- the tax collector and the pharisee (Lk.18)
- the rich ruler (Lk.18)
- Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus (Lk.18,19)
- the crowds (Lk.18,19)

WHO ARE THE LOST ?

- some are lost and don't know it!
- the cost is too high and don't want to repent
- lost, but it is too late
- lost, and do something about it repent

THE INVITATION

"Whoever comes to me I will never drive away." (Jn.6:37)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Mt.11:28,29)

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