



**FOLLOWING  
JESUS**

**LUKE 9-19**

# Why Did Jesus Come? – Luke 18:35-19:10

“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



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

Alexander the Great



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“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

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*“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)

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

*“Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.”  
(Lk.18:42)*



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

*“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)*

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## 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’

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*“He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”*

(Lk.19:7)

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‘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’

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*“Today salvation has come to this house.” (Lk.19:9)*

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## 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)**

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## 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

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## 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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