

LUKE 19:10

Question:

326 = QUOTATION QUESTION. According to Luke's Gospel, why did Jesus come to earth?

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

King James Version:

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

New International Version:

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

The Message:

For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost."

The Voice:

For the Son of Man came to seek and to liberate the lost.

Definitions & Synonyms

Gospel: good news, truth, testament, fact

Come: arrive, appear, enter

Son of Man: Christ, Messiah, Jesus, redeemer

Seek: find, pursue, chase

Save: free, deliver, unchain

Lost: hidden, gone, strayed, wandering

Story (Luke 19:1-10)

19 Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."


⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷ But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

⁹ Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man^[a] came to seek and save those who are lost."

Jesus used the phrase Son of Man and it was used many in the Old Testament as referring to the Messiah. Jesus used it to half conceal and half reveal the secret of who he is. Son of Man is referring to the human element of the Son of God's person.

The story Luke 19:10 is found in is of Zacchaeus and his conversion. Jesus declared after his conversion this is why he had come to earth, to save those who are lost.

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