

Jesus is your friend.

Luke 19.1-10 / August 27, 2019

Matthew 1.21 – The name Jesus means *Yahweh saves*. Everything that fills-in-the-blank flows from the meaning of his name and expresses his mission “to seek and save the lost.” [Lk19.10]

Luke 19.1-10 – Jesus is your friend.

Jesus befriends you in the same way he befriended Zacchaeus:

1/ Jesus comes to where you are. Lk 19.1

- Jesus is a friend who comes to us in our shortcomings—wherever we are.

2/ Jesus befriends you as you are – 19.5

- *Scandalous, notorious, and disreputable* – *If Jesus hung out with them, then Jesus will hang out with you!* Jesus comes to you, befriends you, and loves you at the place where you’re at your worst!

3/ Jesus makes the first move in friendship – 19.5

- Compassionate friendship is the leading edge of what broken people experience from Jesus.

4/ Friendship with Jesus brings out the best in you – 19.8

- What happened that changed Zacchaeus? Friendship with Jesus!
- Where in your life can Jesus’ friendship lead to freedom and bring out the best God created you for?

5/ Jesus sacrificed everything to make friendship with us happen – Jn15.13

- *There’s no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends.*
- Jesus sacrificially befriends us with forgiveness and a fresh start.

6/ Befriended by Jesus, I get a new set of friends

- “If you don’t know any pimps, prostitutes, or crackheads, then you need new friends.” Judah Smith
- *If we love like Jesus here on our campus, then our campus will fall in love with Jesus, because when people see Jesus for who he really is, he is almost irresistible.*