

Advent from Jesus' s Own Words: This is Why I Came to You
I Came to Seek and Save the Lost
Luke 19:10

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Core value: Jesus-Centered

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."



The Trinity is in full view at Christmas!

- ✓ The Father oversees and sends.

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.

- ✓ The Son does.

I came...

- ✓ The Holy Spirit assists.

Matthew 1:20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

What does it mean to be lost?

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Do I live right-side up or upside-down?

- ✓ I am lost and I don't know it and don't know that I will perish.
- ✓ I am lost and I know it and I don't care if I am lost or will perish.
- ✓ I am lost and I know it and I want to be rescued before I perish.

John 10:28-29 And I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.
²⁹ "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

Luke 15:9 "When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!'

Luke 15:24 for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

Luke 15:32 'But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and *has begun* to live, and *was lost* and has been found.'"

Ephesians 2:1-10 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

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John 6:44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Revelation 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

What does it mean that Jesus saves the lost?

John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Luke 5:31-32 And Jesus answered and said to them, "*It is* not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. ³² "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Ezekiel 36:26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. ²⁸ "You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

Am I lost, sick and going to die? Do I want to be spiritually healed and live right-side up?

Is Jesus seeking me? Am I listening or ignoring His call?

What do I need to do?