

## **THE REASON FOR THIS SEASON! Luke 19:10**

Int: Religious leaders murmured about Jesus choosing to be the guest of a sinner like Zacchaeus of Jericho. His answer? “The Son of Man came to seek and save that which is lost.” Who is the Son of Man? Why did he come? What does this saying have to do with Christmas? Note

### **THE PERSON WHO CAME**

Jesus called himself the Son of Man. Some think this title pointed to the full humanity of Jesus as a counterpart to his full deity as Son of God. Jesus is fully human and fully God. But the title “Son of Man” comes from Daniel’s vision (Dan 7:13-14) where one like a Son of Man rides the clouds of heaven to receive from the Ancient of Days authority of kingdom that will never end.

Jesus said the Son of Man can forgive sins (Mk 2:10) and is Lord of the Lord’s Day (Mk 2:28). The Son of Man has power to raise the dead (Jn 5:25). At the last day he will come with power and great glory (Mt 24:30) to judge all nations (Mt 25:31-32). These are all divine prerogatives!

Bow down and worship! The Son of Man is the God of heaven come to earth in the person of Jesus of Nazareth!

### **THE PROBLEM HE SAW**

The Son of Man saw something lost, namely a world of lost men!

**LOST IN LIFE.** “All we like sheep have gone astray” (Isa 53:6a). The universality of sin! “We have turned everyone to his own way” (Isa 53:6b). The diversity of sin. Not all turned the same way but all turned from God and are lost!

**LOST FOR ETERNITY.** Some ask how a loving God could send amazingly good people to hell. The answer? There are no amazingly good people! The best are bent and the rest are bent squared! Lost! Lost!

### **THE PLAN HE WORKS**

Why did he come? It is just a short reach to the answer. “To seek and save that which is lost!”

Now **the reason for this season** comes crystal clear. The Son of Man was a great teacher, a healer without equal, and an example of the ideal man. But these were sidelights to Jesus’ main mission. He came primarily as the Savior, to find and save the lost! Lost anybody, lost everybody, lost me and lost you!

Con: If the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost—and he did—even the worst lost person can be saved! Since he came for you, will you not come to him this Christmas?