

Good morning

- thank Joel - great series so far
 - thank Maria - garage sale
 - thank community had a great time - God is doing something unique here
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Son of Man

Luke 19:1-10 (The Message)

1-4 19 Then Jesus entered and walked through Jericho. There was a man there, his name Zacchaeus, the head tax man and quite rich. He wanted desperately to see Jesus, but the crowd was in his way—he was a short man and couldn't see over the crowd. So he ran on ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus when he came by.

5-7 When Jesus got to the tree, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down. Today is my day to be a guest in your home." Zacchaeus scrambled out of the tree, hardly believing his good luck, delighted to take Jesus home with him. Everyone who saw the incident was indignant and grumped, "What business does he have getting cozy with this crook?"

8 Zacchaeus just stood there, a little stunned. He stammered apologetically, "Master, I give away half my income to the poor—and if I'm caught cheating, I pay four times the damages."

9-10 Jesus said, "Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost."

Hebrews 4:14-16 (The Message)

14-16 Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers. We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help.

A very human problem

We want to life

- safety
- to feel alive

problem is the more we chase life the more it seems to allude us

and like a kid not watching were we are going we wander into places that are not good for us

- We go int a relationship for safety only to feel unsafe

- Or we work hard to have money to have a life only to find we worked so hard so long that life is passing us by

The bible calls the place BEING LOST

- The thing with lost is you still know where you want to be but because you no longer know where you are everything is out of context

Jesus uses a very unique title for himself in to context

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Jesus the son of man

God's solution to our problem

God came looking for us

Jesus is the name of the God who came looking for us

its a title with history

- In the New Testament it is used forty-three times as a distinctive title of the Saviour.
- In the Old Testament it is used only in Ps. 80:17 and Dan. 7:13 with this application. It denotes the true humanity of our Lord.

We could go through all the technical theology

- but really what does Jesus being truly human mean to us

the uniqueness of Jesus

- 100% God covered in week one
- 100% Human today

There is an odd reversal here

- history full of people who wanted to be the son of a god.
- Jesus is God revealing himself as man

Philippians 2:5-9 (The Message)

5-8 Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

9-11 Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever,

the bible says that the sole reason Jesus become the unique God/man was to find us

- his divinity save us - As God he came looking
- the trouble with a perfect God looking for us is that we become all too aware of how broken we are and want hide
- so he came in a form we can most connect to
- but its humanity that finds connects

learn to speak the language of the ones we love

But being found and staying found seem to me to be two different things

we meet Jesus

- he finds us
- we are so relieved to be found - very happy
- then we noticed something - he's found us and we are now in light and becomes aware of the damage done as we crashed around in the dark out there

and now we have to choose something else

- having gotten lost last time
- having been found

will we stay on the path with him or get tempted to wander off again - will it be different this time?

There are two very loud voices that yell at us to hide when Jesus is around

Guilt

- three b's
- bury it
- blame others
- beat ourselves and back off

Shame

- there is something wrong with me
- i don't matter to anyone

its so easy to mistake your own thoughts to be the voice of God when you are feeling lost or broken.

People leave church cause they assume what they feel is what God must be Thinking.

- the closer we get to him the louder those voices shout
- so we bail - it hurts to be that close
- when confronted with unconditional love we often freak out -
- I mean God is perfect - and thats the problem isn't

being a leader has its moments

- Three kinds of people I connect with
- For what I'm doing not for me
- For me while I'm doing what I'm doing
- For me

My best friend Erwin

Odd relationship

- But we get each other
- Shouldn't really work

Mainly cause we have been through so many similar experiences.

We start and finish sentences. But sometimes we can share leadership stories and not finish them but still know.

I would / do and he would cross the world for me.

the connector

Being found by the God/man is only one of the benefits of meeting Jesus- the other is he truly understands the fully impact of being human

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See not only does he find us -but he is 100% for us

- and he is constantly before God pleasing your case because he understands the internal pressures that drive you or I to do the things we do.
- He's like my friend Erwin for me
- He gets me
- He's been there

What are the connecting points

No matter where you go in the human experience Jesus has been there without the resultant brokenness

Jesus cried

John 11:35 - Jesus wept

Jesus got angry

Mark 10:14 Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, Let the children come to me. Dont stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.

Jesus loved

John 11:36 people who were standing nearby said, See how much he loved him!

Jesus got tired

John 4:6 ...a well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime.

Jesus was misunderstood by family

Mark 3:31 Just then his mother and brothers showed up. Standing outside, they relayed a message that they wanted a word with him.

Jesus hurt

Matthew 15:32 ... he wasn't finished with them. He called his disciples and said, "I hurt for these people. For three days now they've been with me, and now they have nothing to eat. I can't send them away without a meal--they'd probably collapse on the road."

Paid his bills

Matthew 17:27 ...so we don't upset them needlessly, go down to the lake, cast a hook, and pull in the first fish that bites. Open its mouth and you'll find a coin. Take it and give it to the tax men. It will be enough for both of us."

Felt rejection & loneliness, pain

Matthew 27:45-46 From noon to three, the whole earth was dark. Around mid-afternoon Jesus groaned out of the depths, crying loudly, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Jesus died

Mark 15:37... with a loud cry, gave his last breath.

Perichoresis

- unique relationship of the trinity
- God is community
- it has this idea of an eternal dance
- at this moment the dance stopped
- a terrible tearing took place in this unique relationship

third big thing about Jesus being 100 human

if his divinity came looking for us
and his humanity connects us
then the unique blend of god/Man pays the price for us

Mark 10:45 (NLT) For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

My point is this.

- If you think the person you are talking to connecting to has no idea of what you are going then its pretty hopeless.
- Even worse when you take your own feelings of guilt and shame and make them his words
- Jesus the Son of Man
- fully god Fully human
- our high priest who get us. is for us, and represents us to God

power of a path 8.

John 14:6-9 Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You've even seen him!" Philip said, "Master, show us the Father; then we'll be content." "You've been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don't understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, 'Where is the Father?'"

We were lost

- Jesus the God/man found us
- Now he explains he is also the path
- Good intentions never get you where you want to be
- only choices do.

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- the difference between good intentions and the path is your willingness to trust Jesus