

Week 24
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Transforming Daily
“... *to seek and to save* ...”
Luke 19:10

Luke wrote two books of the Bible, the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. The two books were believed to be one unit originally. Luke was a doctor by profession and is said to have been more interested in the human aspects of Christ than other witnesses and writers. In light of this, a key title for Jesus in the book of Luke is Son of Man. Luke also contains the lengthiest storyline for Jesus' birth than the other gospels (Chapters 1-2 and the genealogy in chapter 3). You can imagine Luke being a doctor would have been interested in the birth of any baby and extremely so in that of the birth of Christ.

With respect to the title of Son of Man, Luke wrote, in 19:10, that He had come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke uses the story of Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus to emphasize this salvation. Zacchaeus was Jewish, but collected taxes for the Roman government. In the eyes of an Israelite, there could be no greater betrayal of their faith and religion. Jesus, as He did many times, risked His public reputation to even be seen with Zacchaeus let alone fellowshiping and dining with him. But then again, that was the public reputation Jesus was trying to establish for the sake of the gospel.

The Son of Man came 2000 years ago for the express purpose of laying down His life for all who would believe. He came to the Jew first and then the Gentile. What's your story? Are you of questionable character? Is your life riddled with the adverse results of poor choices and decision making? Do you feel like you're stumbling through the darkness? Are you blessed to know the Son of Man and thankful for that relationship? It didn't matter whether, tax collector, one caught in adultery, woman at the well (reputation of illrepute), soldier, politician, child, or demon possessed individual, in the first century or the last, the Son of Man came to seek and to save.