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JESUS & THE MARGINALIZED

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Luke 19:5-7
And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

despised individual. Jesus, however, was not perturbed. He was acting true to His character and purpose.

Zacchaeus was a tax collector who desired to view Jesus as He passed along the way (Luke 19:1-4). Perhaps he longed to talk to Jesus but didn't dare approach Him because he knew his own sinfulness, and the contempt with which he was viewed by his countrymen. From his treetop perch he expected to quietly observe Jesus as He went by in the crowd. To his shock and delight, Jesus stopped under his tree, looked him in the eye, and invited Zacchaeus to host Him for a meal that day. By the end of the interaction, it became clear that Jesus intended all along to more than just fellowship with Zacchaeus – He wanted to redeem

him. Jesus draws near to us when no one else will because He loves us and wants to restore us to a right relationship with God.

Do you feel marginalized and ostracized? Are you so ashamed of who you are and what you have done that you are convinced God would have nothing to do with you? My friend, you are just the kind of person for whom Jesus is searching! If you will welcome Him into your life like Zacchaeus did, you will discover that Jesus has come "to seek and to save the lost."

God bless you,

Pastor James

The whole community was scandalized. They could not believe that Jesus, the holy prophet from Nazareth, would choose to be the guest of Zacchaeus a known sinner, and

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM

MAY 10

Join us via Zoom video
 Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM

MAY 13

Is Canceled due to the Men's Retreat

EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM

MAY 15

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY SUN @ 11 AM

MAY 15

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service

Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM

BEGIN JUN 9 & 10

In-person at church.

Plan to attend one convenient to you. sign-up on our website or the Info. Ctr.

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM

MAY 15

In-person service & livestream

Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church's website.

- **Growth Groups begin June 9 & 10.** Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend one convenient to you.
- We are encouraging all of you to begin making your way back to the in-person services. Looking forward to seeing you soon!
- **No Men's Breakfast this Saturday** because of the Man Up event.
- **All Nursery and Kidzone workers** are reminded to attend **Virtual Training each Monday night in May from 6-7:30 pm.** Others interested in children's ministry are also welcome!
- The Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos is hosting their Annual Fundraising Banquet on this Thursday, 7 pm at the Stroudsmoor Country Inn. Please see Lori Ditaranto for more information.
- There are about 9 Pregnancy Resource baby bottles outstanding. If you have an empty one, please return it asap. No guilt. No shame. We just don't want to lose the bottles.
- **Men are invited to attend the Man Up event** at Clarks Summit University on May 13-14. Contact Frank Scibelli for details or visit <https://www.clarkssummitu.edu/man-up-conference/>
- Ladies Meeting May 28, 10:30 am
- **VBS is coming soon!** Members, would you prayerfully consider serving in this exciting ministry to children during the week of **July 18 -22, 2022 from 9:30am - 12:30pm** each day? The volunteer sign-up sheet is located at the Information Center.
- Bible Reading plans for 2022 are now available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!