

Why bother with Jesus? (Luke 19:1-10)

Introduction

- What is the attitude of many people to Jesus in the UK today?

i Why bother with Jesus? Because he shows love to the unloved

- How far was Jericho (v1) from Jerusalem?
- In v2, Luke introduces us to Zacchaeus. He was a tax collector. What are two reasons why that made him particularly unpopular in his day?
  - (i)
  - (ii)
- What else do we learn about him in v3?
- In v4, he climbs a tree so that he can see Jesus. What surprising thing happens in v5?
- They go off to Zacchaeus' home in v6. How do the crowd respond in v7?
- What lesson does this teach?
- Give some other examples of Jesus' love.
- What is the supreme example of his love?

ii Why bother with Jesus? Because he has power for the weak

- What does Zacchaeus demonstrate in v8?
- How can you explain that?

- What does it teach?
- What are some negative characteristics which people struggle with today?
- Which verse tells us how Jesus can enable us to overcome them?

### **iii Why bother with Jesus? Because he gives salvation to the lost**

- What does Jesus say has happened to Zacchaeus in v9?
- How does Jesus describe his mission in v10?
- What does it mean to be lost?
- Why are we all naturally lost?
- What does it mean to be saved?
- How did Jesus bring salvation?
- How does that become personal for us?

### **Conclusion**

- Will you bother with Jesus?