

Seeking to See Jesus

Luke details some interesting things for us in the beginning of chapter 19 as he tells us about a man who was trying to get to Jesus. **Luke 19:2** “And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was...” There were many at the time of Jesus who sought after Him, but Luke felt it was important to record this particular instance. That should get our attention.

A) Many were seeking Jesus, in one way or another.

1. The _____ sought him many times – but only to try and discredit Him
(*Matt.22:15-18; Mark 10:2*)
2. At different times, the crowds were seeking Him for their own _____. (*Luke 4:42; John 6:22-26*)
3. _____ realized something, but sought Him quietly, in the night. (*John 3:1-5, 9-10; John 12:42*)
4. A _____ came out for Him with a _____ that made Jesus marvel. (*Matt. 8:5-10; Luke 17:19; Mark 10:52*)
5. _____ stands out as one seeking Jesus. His life completely changed. (*Luke 19:1-10; Col.3:5,12*)
6. Even after Jesus, the wonder of His message and what it could do drew people like _____. But for what reason? (*Acts 8:9-13, 18-21*)

B) Seeking Jesus now. Every day, every step in life.

1. Some have lived decades since they first sought Him, and are still following (*Phil. 1:21; 2 Tim. 4:7-8*)
2. Holding steadfast to Him from the time you first sought Him can be challenging (*Heb. 12:2; Rom 8:31,37*)
3. From the very beginning of the journey, finding Jesus brings relief where there are true hearts (*Matt.11:28-30; Matt. 5:8*)
4. What about the ones who have not yet sought Him? (*John 14:6; Matt.7:13-14*)