

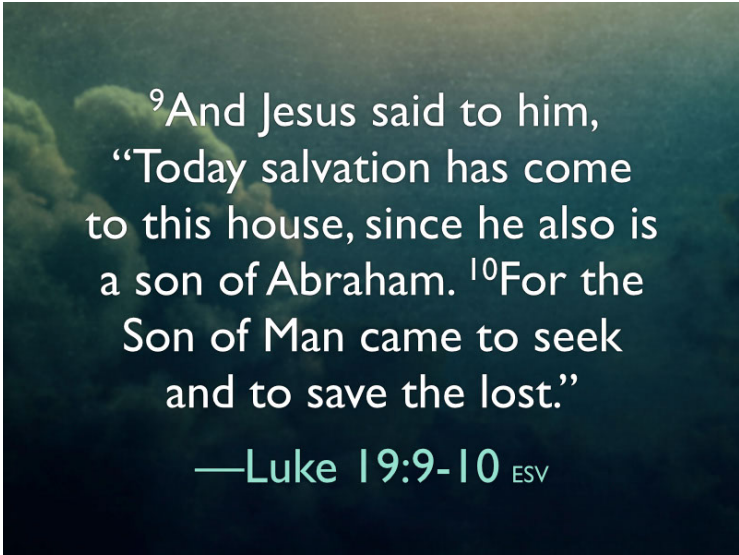
MEET: A person no one expected to follow Jesus.

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“Greedy Tax Collector Becomes Generous Benefactor”

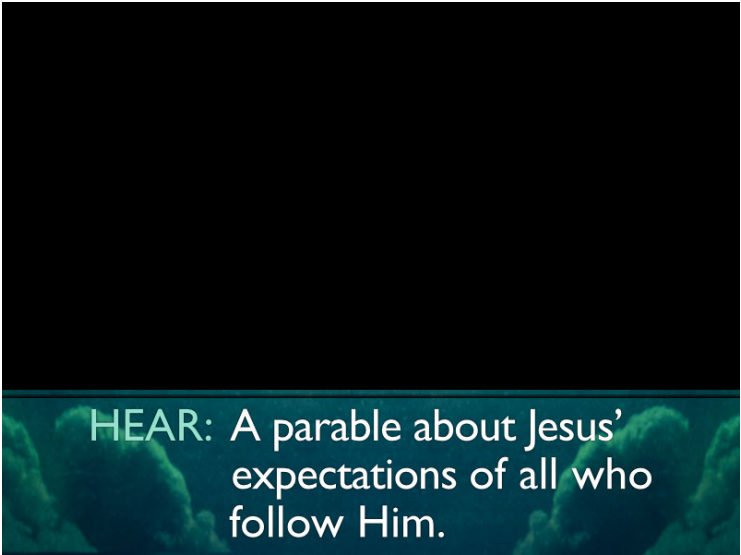
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<sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

—Luke 19:9-10 ESV

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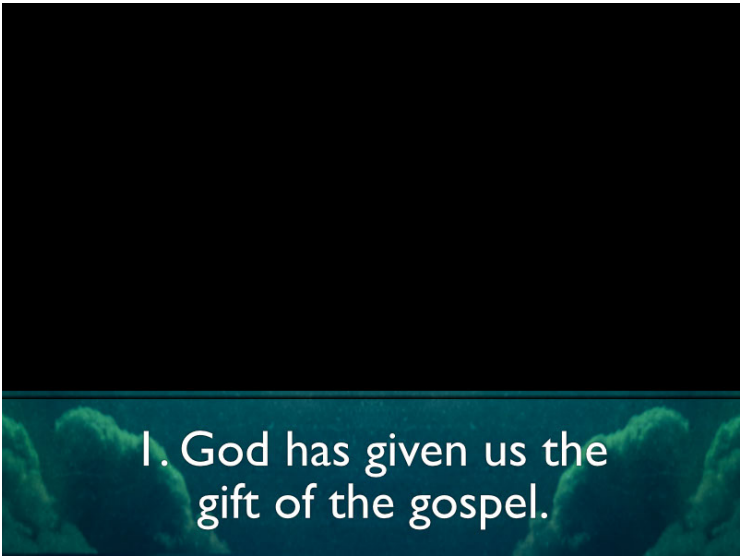
HEAR: A parable about Jesus’ expectations of all who follow Him.

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“Engage in business until I come.”

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I. God has given us the gift of the gospel.

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John 20:31; 1 John 1:1-2  
2 Corinthians 4:6-7

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<sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup>whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

—1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV

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2. God will gift us with opportunities to share the gospel.

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...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

—1 Peter 3:15 ESV

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3. God warns us against unfaithfulness.

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“God expects us to use what He gives us to make more for His kingdom. God expects us to use our theology to motivate our actions. We should act on what we know about God. There is no acceptable excuse for not acting on the truth we know about God. That very truth will condemn us. It's not that we are responsible for the truths we don't know. It's that we do with what we do know.”

—Thaiti Anyabwile  
*Christ-Centered Exposition*

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#### 4. God rewards faith and faithfulness.

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<sup>25</sup>And they said to him,  
“Lord, he has ten minas!”

<sup>26</sup>“I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

—Luke 19:25-26 ESV

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“God does not expect the same results from everyone, but He does expect obedience from everyone.”

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<sup>7</sup>...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels  
<sup>8</sup>in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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<sup>9</sup>They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might, <sup>10</sup>when He comes on that Day to be glorified in His saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

—2 Thessalonians 1:7b-10 ESV

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