

Christ's Varied Appeals to the Lost

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Text: Luke 19:10

- I. Introduction
 - a. Christ employed every known method to bring men to God.
 - b. Every appeal of Christ is indicative of his thorough knowledge of man's basic desires.
 - c. Every appeal reveals a tenderness born of his undying love and compassion for the lost.
 - d. Strict adherence to Christ's methods in seeking the lost is a good policy.

- II. His appeals through warnings of past judgments
 - a. Remember Lot's wife (Luke 17:32)
 - b. As it was in the days of Noah (Luke 17: 26, 27)
 - c. More tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah (Matthew 10:15)
 - d. All past judgments of God are ghastly reminders of the greater judgment yet to come.

- III. His appeals through desire for gain
 - a. Lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven. (Luke 12:33,34)
 - b. He that loseth his life for my sake shall save it. (Luke 9:24)
 - c. He that forsaketh all to follow Christ shall have a hundred-fold more in this life and in the world to come, life everlasting.
 - d. In my father's house are many mansions (John 14:2)
 - e. All the world is feverishly toiling for material gain. Jesus points from this to immortal treasure.

- IV. His appeals through fear of loss
 - a. If a man gain the whole world and lose his soul, what will it profit him (Mark 8:36)
 - b. This night thy soul shall be required of thee, then whose shall these things be (Luke 12:20)
 - c. Men know no extremes in their frantic effort to prevent material loss.
 - d. Murders and suicides often follow the sudden loss of wealth and prosperity.
 - e. All earthly gain will perish and pass with time, but heavenly treasures will abide forever.

- V. His appeals through desires to be immortal
 - a. Men live in constant fear of being forgotten in death.
 - b. Monuments and memorials are silent witnesses of the desire for immortality.

- c. Books are written, fortunes are spent, the course of history is changed to preserve the inscriptions of men.
- d. Jesus taught that all things material will perish.
- e. "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever."