

Luke 19:1-10

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Life's Greatest Event

“Meeting Jesus is the single most important event of any and every life. The person who has met Christ is complete even if everything else in life goes wrong... even if that person never produces anything else of significance. The person who has not met him, no matter what else he or she accomplishes, is empty. Not just by comparison but, on the scale of eternity, *absolutely empty*.”

“How can I say that? Because of who Jesus is. He is the music to a concert. He is the air to a deep breath. He is the gravity to falling. He is life to living. Try life with Jesus, and then try life without him. You’ll see what I mean.”“What does it mean to meet Christ? Two things, as I see it. First, meeting Christ is an Event. It is to encounter him. To embrace and be embraced. It is to grasp the basic essence of Jesus and to understand with childlike simplicity what he has done for you and its importance to your life and destiny.

You met Jesus when you place your trust in him as completely as you know how and, as a result, receive the irrevocable gift of eternal life. It is an Event in which you begin a journey with him determined to stay with him all the way to the end, no matter what.”

“Meeting Christ is also a Process. It’s the journey itself, the adventure of traveling with him over whatever terrain you encounter. It’s the adventure that warms up in time and blasts off in eternity. “ (Robert Rasmussen in *Imagine Meeting Him*).

When Zacchaeus met Jesus, it was life transforming: “Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19). The invitation to Life’s Greatest Event still stands! Jesus said: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20).

Pusan is one of the lesser sun-gods of Vedic Hinduism. He is the shepherd and protector of flocks, the pathfinder for those on a journey, and is particularly called upon to search for lost objects. What a trivial job for a god, finding the lost objects of daily life! The God of the Bible is not concerned with lost objects, but with lost people! (Robert C. Shannon). Friend, have you met Jesus – has Jesus found you?

What is my response:
