

## [A Burden For Lost Souls](#)

**“How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.”** – Matthew 23:37

It is more than apparent that Jesus cared for individuals. Our Lord brought Philip (John 1:43), Matthew (Matthew 9:9), Peter and Andrew (Matthew 4:18-19) to faith with the call, “Follow Me.”

In John 4, He met a woman at a well and brought her to salvation. In Luke 19, He found Zacchaeus, a tax collector, whom He led to a confession of sin, repentance, and faith. In John 5, He taught Nicodemus about the new birth. In Mark 10, He led blind Bartimaeus to believe in Him. In Mark 5, Jesus healed a demon-possessed man in the country of the Gadarenes. And Luke 23 tells of His brief yet poignant encounter with the thief on the cross (vv. 40-43), before committing Himself to God. The Lord rescued him from eternal hell.

Jesus’ heart grieved over the souls of lost men and women. In John 5:40, we see a glimpse of Christ’s passion when he said, “You are unwilling to come to Me that you may have life.” There’s a pensive quality to those words.

May our hearts echo the affection His speech!