

## Jesus' Commitment to Find the Lost

Luke 15:1 - 10

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### Overview: Finding the Lost = joy

- **Luke 15:1** Sinners “hear” Jesus
- **Luke 15:2** Pharisees & scribes “grumble”
- **Luke 15:3-6** Joy in finding the lost: parable of the lost sheep
- **Luke 15:7** Joy in heaven: sinner repents
- **Luke 15:8-9** Joy in finding the lost: lost coin
- **Luke 15:10** Joy in heaven: sinner repents

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### Those who are typically despised by Israel's leaders “hear”

- **Luke 15:1** (NKJV)  
Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.

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### Hearing in Luke

- **Luke 6:47, 48**      “hears” & builds on the rock
- **Luke 8:8b**        “he who has ears to hear”
- **Luke 9:35**        “My beloved Son – hear”
- **Luke 11:28**       “hear & observe = blessed”
- **Luke 14:35**       “he who has ears to hear”
- **Luke 15:1**        “sinners of Israel hear”

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### Jesus “welcomes” and the leaders “grumble”

- **Luke 15:2**

Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

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### “Grumble” *gogguzo*\_ LXX in Israel’s history

- **Numbers 14:27**

How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who are grumbling against Me? I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel, which they are making against Me.

Also: Num 11:1; 14:29; 17:6, 20; Ps 58:16; 105:25; and in NT Luke 5:30; 19:7; 1Corin. 10:10; Jn 6:41, 43, 61

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How shepherds acted with lost sheep

- **Luke 15:3, 4**

So He told them this parable, saying, "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it"?

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Joy over finding the lost

- **Luke 15:5, 6**

When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!"

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The Pharisees and scribes are opposed to the very thing that brings God joy

- **Luke 15:7**

I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

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
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 Two despised people groups, shepherds and women, are used to illustrate attitudes that God favors

■ **Luke 15:8**

Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

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
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 The joy of God in finding the lost

■ **Luke 15:9, 10**

When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!" In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

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
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 Implications and Applications

- 1) Understand Christ as the good shepherd
- 2) Christ as Shepherd should define the attitudes and actions of under-shepherds
- 3) We should seek the lost so as to participate in the joy of heaven

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1) Understand Christ as the good shepherd

■ **Psalm 23:1-3, 5**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
 He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
 He leads me beside quiet waters. He  
 restores my soul; He guides me in the paths  
 of righteousness For His name's sake. . . .  
 You prepare a table before me in the  
 presence of my enemies; You have  
 anointed my head with oil; My cup  
 overflows.

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1) Understand Christ as the good shepherd

■ **Isaiah 40:10, 11**

Behold, the Lord God will come with might,  
 With His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His  
 reward is with Him And His recompense  
 before Him. Like a shepherd He will tend  
 His flock, In His arm He will gather the  
 lambs And carry them in His bosom; He will  
 gently lead the nursing ewes.

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1) Understand Christ as the good shepherd

■ **John 10:11, 14**

I am the good shepherd; the good  
 shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.  
 . . . I am the good shepherd, and I know  
 My own and My own know Me,

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
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 2) Christ as Shepherd should define the attitudes and actions of under-shepherds

■ **Ezekiel 34:2**

Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, "Thus says the Lord God, 'Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?'"

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
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 2) Christ as Shepherd should define the attitudes and actions of under-shepherds

■ **Ezekiel 34:3**

You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat sheep without feeding the flock.

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
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 2) Christ as Shepherd should define the attitudes and actions of under-shepherds

■ **Ezekiel 34:4**

Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.

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2) Christ as Shepherd should define the attitudes and actions of under-shepherds

■ **Ezekiel 34:11, 12a**

For thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep"

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2) Christ as Shepherd should define the attitudes and actions of under-shepherds

■ **1Peter 5:1**

Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

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2) Christ as Shepherd should define the attitudes and actions of under-shepherds

■ **1Peter 5:2, 3**

shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

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2) Christ as Shepherd should define the attitudes and actions of under-shepherds

■ **1Peter 5:4**

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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2) Christ as Shepherd should define the attitudes and actions of under-shepherds

■ **Acts 20:28, 29**

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

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3) We should seek the lost so as to participate in the joy of heaven

■ **Ezekiel 34:11**

For thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out."

■ **Luke 19:10**

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

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