

# THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

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Central Idea: God seeks those who are lost. Do you pray for the lost and seek to win them?

Introduction:

Jesus combated the religious leaders by teaching that some who were considered hopeless and sinners will be in the kingdom. Much to the disgust of the religious leaders, Jesus associated with those who were thought of as hopeless and sinners. The opposition to Jesus was found among the Pharisees and teachers of the law. Jesus attracts the irreligious to Himself. God seeks those who are lost, and His greatest joy is in finding one of those lost ones. If we wish to be like God, we will do the same.

## I. The Attack on Christ, vv. 1-2

1. Fact
2. Testimony
3. Truth
4. Today

## II. The Answer of Christ, vv. 3-7

1. Appeal
2. Illustration
  - (1) Losing
  - (2) Seeking
  - (3) Finding
  - (4) Rejoicing

Conclusion:

Loving Compassion  
Jesus' Rebuke  
The Rejoicing  
Our City

Jesus stands unique among all biblical figures. The lost wanted to be near Him. Do they want to be near you and me?