

The Passions of Christ Finding The Lost

Introduction - These parables portray God as concerned about the lost and willing and anxious that they be **RETURNED** to the rightful owner.

- Luke 15:1-2

I. A Lost **SHEEP** - Luke 15:3-7; Innocently lost

- The shepherds focus upon one; sparing no effort - Luke 19:10
- Heaven rejoices over one; Real Life?
- Neglect of the 99?

II. A Lost **COIN** - Luke 15:8-10; Carelessly lost

- Lost right at home yet valuable
- Lighting a lamp and searching - John 1:4-9, Romans 1:16
- Heaven is interested!

III. A Lost **SON** - Luke 15:11-32; Willingly lost

- Nine words. His rebellion resulted in riotous living, hitting rock bottom before his realization to repent and return then he experienced reception, reconciliation and rejoicing
- Everything he sought was at home: abundance, freedom and rejoicing
- The brother's proper response: rejoicing
- Humility and patience are part of righteousness

Conclusion - May we be concerned for the **LOST** like Jesus is!

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