

**The Parable of the Lost Sheep:
The Lost Sinner Out in the World
Luke 15:01–07**

(see Mt. 18:11-14)

<p>1 <i>Tax collectors and sinners drew near Jesus</i></p> <p>a. The religionists: Grumbled against Jesus associating with “sinners”</p> <p>b. Jesus: Shared a parable</p> <p>2 <i>The sheep was lost</i></p> <p>3 <i>The sheep was lost because of self</i></p> <p>4 <i>The sheep was lost in the wilderness or open country</i></p> <p>5 <i>The sheep was sought until found</i></p> <p>6 <i>The sheep, once found, brings great joy</i></p> <p>7 <i>The sheep represented a repentant sinner</i></p>	<p>1 Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him.</p> <p>2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”</p> <p>3 Then Jesus told them this parable:</p> <p>4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?</p> <p>5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders</p> <p>6 And goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’</p> <p>7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”</p>
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