

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

THE LOST SHEEP

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## OUR VALUE

How does God view human beings? What value does He place upon us?

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” John 3:16-17*

## WHO DID JESUS COME TO SAVE?

Jesus came to seek and save all of humanity and had a special tenderness for the untouchables who were despised by society. He chose to associate with publicans and other sinners; He healed a multitude of people which included a Roman centurion's servant, the blind, the leper's, the lame, the woman with an issue of the blood, the man with a withered hand and raised Lazarus and a young girl from the dead. **Luke 15:1**

The Jewish religious leaders were aghast at His actions because they despised sinners and Gentiles. **verse 2**

The love and salvation Jesus offered was not based upon a person's rank in society; He came to save everyone. **Luke 5:27-32; 18:9-14; John 1:11-13**

People were saved under the first covenant by faith in the coming Messiah. The scriptures available to them were the Laws of Moses, the Prophets and the Writings. Jesus told the story of a rich man who died in his sins and pleaded with Abraham to send Lazarus back from the dead to his five brothers. Abraham said that they had access to the writings of Moses and the Prophets, and if the brothers would not heed those writings, they certainly would not listen to the testimony of a resurrected person. **Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus wanted to convey how God the Father views humanity. It would be illogical for God not to view His creation with compassion. As a result, He takes care of all His sheep but particular care is given for the lost one. **Luke 15:3-4**

The shepherd laboriously looks for the sheep until he finds it. He doesn't tie a rope around its neck and make the sheep walk back home but happily lays it on his shoulders and brings it home with even more exertion. **verse 5**

There is great celebration, a homecoming if you will, over the one sheep that has been returned, but make no mistake, God is also pleased with the sheep who continue to be obedient as well. **verses 6-7**

Are you under the protection of the Shepherd or wandering on your own?

