

The Greatest Losses

Unwritten Laws

- The first place to look for anything is the last place you'd expect to find it.
- You can always find what you're not looking for.

LOST – the most feared word?

I. The Lost Book – 2 Kings 22

Josiah, righteous king

Began reign at low point

- Temple
 - People
 - Judgment

Josiah's job: save his people
from total destruction

Finding the lost Book

1. Recovery of Book, 1-8
2. Reading the Book, 10
3. Reaction to reading, 11-13

Torn clothes, 11

Inquiry of God, 13

4. Reason for reaction: wrath, 13

16: will do as said

19: receptive heart

God's Book is lost today when . . .

1. Preachers don't preach it
2. People don't perceive it.
3. People don't practice it.

Luke 4

- Heard reading every Sabbath
- Unprepared for Messiah

NATION

Hezekiah . . . Manasseh

SCHOOLS

Josiah . . . Jehoiakim

CHURCHES

I. The Lost Book – 2 Kings 22

II. The Lost Christ – Lk.2

Why did they lose Christ?

- NOT because they were wicked
- NOT because they lacked love
- BECAUSE they SUPPOSED He was with them (2:44)

Why do people lose Christ?

1. Not looking for Him. Ro.1
2. Ignorant about way to find Him.
Ac.17
3. Look for Him in wrong place.
Jn.14:6; 12:48
4. Look for Him with wrong motive.
Jn.6:27

Christians won't
hear. Mt.13:13

Christians won't
obey. Ja.1:22

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II. The Lost Christ – Luke 2

III. The Lost Soul – Lk.19

About one week before crucifixion

Rich tax collector

Heard words of salvation before thief
(23:43)

Became heir to greater fortune than
before – son of Abraham

Jesus: concerned for soul of one

Luke 15

1. Lost like sheep – **unconcerned**, 4
2. Lost like coin – **unaware**, 9
3. Lost like son – **uncaring**, 24

Lk.9:25, 'lose himself.'
Matches 'life/soul' (v.24)

Judas in audience.
Jn.17:12

Blinded by satan, 2 Co.4:3-4

- Strange blindness: sees fun, games, distractions...not gospel
 - Drunk
 - Gossip
 - Immoral

I. The Lost Book – 2 Kings 22

II. The Lost Christ – Luke 2

III. The Lost Soul – Luke 19

IV. The Lost Opportunity – Lk.19

'If you had known...'

- ❑ Messiah lived, taught, preached among them; most ignored Him
- ❑ Mt.25:14-30, let opportunities pass
 - ❑ Gal.6:10, 'have time'
 - ❑ Ep.5:16, 'redeem time'