

What Was Actually Lost?

Luke 19:10 (NKJV) – *for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

So what was it that Jesus came to save?

Was it mankind? That's what we are taught. Here's an example of how that's reinforced:

Luke 19:10 (ERV¹) – *The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them.*

The reason for this translation and for the teaching we receive is because it is linked to the following verses in reference and study Bibles:

Ezekiel 34:12 (NKJV) – *As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day...I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.*

The propensity to do this cross-referencing of the NT with the OT is because the OT prophesies the NT in many ways. That may be so, but what is the justification for linking these passages in question? Did Holy Spirit link them, or did theologians do it? Did ancient rabbis, who are not spirit-led, link them?

FACT: What we do know is that Jesus didn't state that he was fulfilling a particular scripture when he made this statement.

However, we do know that Father's plan has always been to bring humanity back into his family. Therefore, to link the two is not wrong, theologically.

Where does that leave us?

The direct translation of the Greek in an Interlinear Greek New Testament² is this:

- *for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which has been lost.*

The use of the word "seek" in this verse indicates that Father was looking for something or someone that was lost. "Seek" must refer to an entity/thing, not a function, status, position, etc., which can't be located because they're not physical.

INFERENCE: This verse seems to infer that he was looking for us because we'd lost our purpose and our place as his sons because of The Fall.

The Problem

We miss the BIG picture when we limit the reason for The Son's purpose in coming into the physical world to be the 'saving' of people. **His purpose was to totally reverse the effects of The Fall** so that everything would eventually be back where it was at creation. This means that the following was **lost** and would need to be reclaimed:

1. Our identity
2. Our sonship
3. Our authority as sons

1 – Easy-to-Read Version

2 – George R. Berry (1897) "Interlinear Greek-English New Testament" [1984 reprint]

4. Our managerial role of the the planet
5. Our real person – Our spirit as the dominant component of our being
6. Our intimate relationship with all members of the Trinity
7. Living off the life of the Spirit
8. Interacting and working with angels and other heavenly beings
9. Paradise living
10. Peace

As well as these, the following would eventually be eliminated by the Son's work on Earth as Jesus of Nazareth:

1. Death
2. Evil
3. Satan
4. Demonic influence
5. Sickness, disease and malady
6. Accidents and tragedies
7. Catastrophic phenomena

All of these 17 constitute The Restoration of All things.

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