



A Friend of the Lost
Jesus: Savior & Friend – Part 4
Luke 8:1-15

The Bible says that on judgement day, there will be two kinds of people—saved and lost. When the Bible refers to the lost, it means those who are separated from God by sin. Jesus is a friend of the lost because he came into the world to rescue those who were perishing in sin. But if that is true, then why doesn't everyone take advantage of the offer to be saved? Jesus answered that question with this insightful parable we look at today.

I. Some lost people are _____ and need _____. (vv. 11-12)

A. What makes people's hearts so calloused that they don't respond to Christ?

1. Family _____.
2. Repeated _____.
3. Personal _____
4. _____ circumstances.
5. Rank _____.
6. Careless _____.

B. Jesus is a _____ of people with hard hearts.

C. Don't _____ on hardhearted people.

II. Some lost people are _____ and need _____. (v. 13)

A. There are people who come to _____ for some very shallow reasons.

B. Jesus is a _____ to shallow people.

C. Don't _____ on shallow people.

D. There are three common _____ the Lord uses to deepen us:

1. _____ of the Bible.
2. Christian _____.
3. Christian _____.

III. Some lost people are _____ and they need _____. (v. 14)

A. Some people have good _____ when they start out with Christ but their own _____ chokes out their spiritual life.

B. Jesus is a friend to those who get _____ with the world.

C. The only way to keep your priorities straight is to discipline yourself to _____ continually and to make the Lord and his church a _____ in your life.

D. Christianity has to be a _____ priority; it cannot be moderately important, or you'll _____ in times of testing.

IV. Some lost people are _____ and produce a _____. (v. 15)

- A. When the seed of the Gospel falls on receptive hearts, it produces the fruit of _____.
- B. When the seed of the Gospel falls on receptive hearts, it eventually produces the harvest of _____.
- C. Jesus is a friend to those who are productive.