

Ten Lessons from our Lord's **ENCOUNTERS** *Lost* WITH THE



1. He was purposeful: "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

2. He was instructive: To the legalistic ruler of the Jews, Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3). He also said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father Who is in Heaven will enter" (Mat. 7:21).

3. He was loving: Looking at the self-righteous man Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack, go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven; and come, follow Me" (Mark 10:21).

4. He warned of false teachers: He said, "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Mat. 7:15).

5. He was merciful: He said to the man who was demon possessed, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you" (Mark 5:19).

6. He was compassionate: When Jesus saw the crowds, "He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd" (Mat. 9:36).

7. He was sensitive: After the death of Lazarus, when Jesus saw the people weeping, "He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled" (John 11:33).

8. He moved conversations from the physical to the spiritual: To the woman at the well He said, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is Who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water" (John 4:10).

9. He was confrontational: To stubborn-hearted people blinded by religious pride, He said, "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him" (John 8:44).

10. He taught salvation is the greatest gift to pursue: See His teachings on the parables on the pearl and hidden treasure (Mat. 13:44-46).