

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Thu, Nov 3rd 2011**

The world of business will find it illogical and impractical to leave the 99 sheep to look for a lost one but a good shepherd will do otherwise. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will look for the lost sheep for two reasons: First, because he loves the lost sheep. Second, because he loves the 99 sheep that were left on the hillside. He will look for the lost sheep because the lost sheep needs a home. He needs a community. Jesus will leave the 99 sheep for their sake because Jesus knows that with the absence of the lost sheep, the 99 sheep will feel incomplete. When a member of the community is lost, we feel the space, we feel the loss. We are also affected. We are hurt and we also need healing. We also need reconciliation. A family, a community will never be the same with the absence of the lost sheep.

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