

# Matthew 18:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

## Analysis

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This text illustrates key Reformed principles: *sola Scriptura*, *sola gratia*, and *sola fide*. The passage demonstrates how God's Word speaks authoritatively to human need, revealing both our depravity and God's merciful provision through Christ.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting involved complex religious and political dynamics. Jewish leaders maintained authority through Roman tolerance while common people sought deliverance. Jesus' teaching addressed both immediate concerns and eternal truths.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ?
2. What false beliefs or practices does this text correct?
3. How should you share this truth with others?

## Interlinear Text

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ἵλθεν γὰρ τὸν γιὸν τὸν ἀνθρώπου σῶσαι  
is come For that which the Son that which of man to save  
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τὸν ἀπολωλός  
that which was lost  
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