

Hide and Seek with the Son

by Mark Englehardt

- 1: *(running around hiding maps, GPS, compass, etc.)*
- 2: *(2 enters wondering what 1 is up to)* What are you doing?
- 1: I'm playing Hide and Seek.
- 2: Oh, well, okay. *(Pause)* Who are you playing with? And, when you play hide and seek, shouldn't you be hiding, well, yourself, not other things?
- 1: No, you don't understand; I'm hiding all of these things so that Jesus will come and find me.
- 2: Oh, of course, so that Jesus will come and find you...*(uncomprehendingly)* I'm sorry I'm a little lost.
- 1: Oh, that's good. Keep doing that and He'll find you right away.
- 2: What are you talking about? Keep doing what?
- 1: Playing "dumb", you know, "lost".
- 2: Okay, as hard as this might be for you to believe, I'm not really playing dumb.
- 1: Oh come on, don't be so hard on yourself, you're not really dumb, you're just "special" that's all.
- 2: No, no, that's not what I'm saying. I'm saying I don't understand what you are doing!
- 1: I told you, *(slowly and loudly as if talking to a hard of hearing, mentally challenged person)* I'm trying to make it easy for Jesus to find me.
- 2: You said that already, *(begins to gather the props that were hidden)* would you please explain why you are hiding this GPS? And this map? And this compass?
- 1: What are you doing? Now He'll never find me if I'm not lost!
- 2: *(getting frustrated now)* Oh for the love of all that is holy. Will you please, please, please, in simple words, for my simple mind, tell me what you are talking about?
- 1: Alright, relax, there's no need to have an aneurism. Take a breath already.
- 2: *(breathes deeply)* Please?
- 1: Okay. Luke 19:10 says "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." *(pauses for 2 to 'get it'. 2 does not 'get it'.)* I'm hiding these things because Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost. I'm trying to get lost so that Jesus will find me.
- 2: You're kidding right?
- 1: *(blank look)*
- 2: Okay, you're not kidding. Look, I think I understand what you're trying to do, but that's not quite right. We are not lost as in "oh no, I can't find my way home;" it's lost as in "I am a lost and condemned person".

- 1: Oh, you're good. Lost AND condemned. Jesus will find you for certain now. I should have thought of that.
- 2: Actually, 1, you and I are already found.
- 1: Really? (*looking around confused/curious*) Are you sure?
- 2: Okay. Let me walk you through this, slowly. We are talking about being found by Jesus. Right?
- 1: Right. And a person can't be found if they're not lost first.
- 2: You have a point there. But what I'm telling you is that you have already been lost, and Jesus has already found you.
- 1: No, see, that's the problem. I'm never lost. I always know where I am. I've got this 6th sense so I always know which direction is north. Watch this. (*1 spins around 2 or 3 times then points to the north.*) See. Always north. I'm like a human compass.
- 2: (*unimpressively*) That's pretty impressive. Okay. Let me try again. 1, have you ever sinned?
- 1: Well, yeah. We are all sinners.
- 2: Exactly! Now, are we able to get rid of our sins on our own?
- 1: Um...no.
- 2: No; of course not. So, who is it that takes those sins away?
- 1: What, are we in Sunday school? It's Jesus! Duh!
- 2: Right, it's Jesus. Okay. You're still with me so far, right?
- 1: I'm right here, aren't I?
- 2: Yes, yes you are. (*saying slowly, gently, and lovingly*) So you could say that because of our sins, we were separated from Jesus. When a person is separated from someone and they don't know how to get back that means they are lost. Right? Because of our sins we were lost. Weren't we?
- 1: (*The 'light bulb' goes on*) Ah, ha! I see where you're going now. Because of sin, we are lost. And our sin also condemns us to hell. But because Jesus is true God and true man, born of the Virgin Mary, He redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity!
- 2: (*in disbelief*) Absolutely! That's it! (*stammering*) How did you...what did you...where did that come from?
- 1: (*surprised with himself/herself*) Honestly, I'm not sure. (*pause*) I guess I must have picked something up in Confirmation class after all. Come on let's go tell Pastor!

End scene.

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