

Seeking and Finding in Luke's Gospel

*All of the passages below pair the same two Greek verbs
(zeteō and euriskō),
despite translation differences.*

11.9-10:

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; **seek**, and **you will find**; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who seeks finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

11.24:

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions **looking for** a resting place, but **not finding** any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

13.6-7:

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came **looking for** fruit on it and **found none**. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three **years I have come looking** for fruit on this fig tree, and **still I find none**. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

15.8:

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and **search** carefully until **she finds** it?"

19.47-48:

Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people **kept looking** for a way to kill him; but they did **not find** anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

Compare **not finding**:

2.45:

When **they did not find** him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

17.17-18:

Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was **none of them found** to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

24.2-3, 5:

They **found the stone** rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they **did not find the body**.... "Why do **you seek** for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." (also, 24.23)