

# The Parables of Jesus

## Lost Things

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<sup>1</sup> Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. <sup>2</sup> This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

Luke 15:1-2 NLT

### 1. Lost sheep

- One of a hundred
- Leaves the other ninety-nine
- Rejoicing and celebration

<sup>3</sup> So Jesus told them this story: <sup>4</sup> “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders.

<sup>6</sup> When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!

Luke 15:3-7 NLT

### 2. Lost coin

- One of ten
- Searches until it is found
- Rejoicing and celebration

<sup>8</sup> “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup> In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”

Luke 15:8-10 NLT

### 3. Lost son

- One of two
- Son comes to his senses and returns
- Father welcomes his son home
- Rejoicing and celebration
- Not everyone is happy

[see Luke 15:11-32]

### Next Steps:

- Ask God to increase my love for all people, especially those who are lost and need to come back to God
- Humble myself, admit my sin, return to God... knowing he will love and forgive me and welcome me back
- Read Luke 15 this week
- Attend the rest of this series (or watch on our Youtube channel)
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