

The Parable of the Lost Sheep: The Lost Sinner Out in the World Luke 15:01–07

(see Mt. 18:11-14)

<p>1 <i>Tax collectors and sinners drew near Jesus</i></p> <p>a. The religionists: Grumbled against Jesus associating with “sinners”</p> <p>b. Jesus: Shared a parable</p> <p>2 <i>The sheep was lost</i></p> <p>3 <i>The sheep was lost because of self</i></p> <p>4 <i>The sheep was lost in the wilderness or open country</i></p> <p>5 <i>The sheep was sought until found</i></p> <p>6 <i>The sheep, once found, brings great joy</i></p> <p>7 <i>The sheep represented a repentant sinner</i></p>	<p>1 Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him.</p> <p>2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”</p> <p>3 Then Jesus told them this parable:</p> <p>4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?</p> <p>5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders</p> <p>6 And goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’</p> <p>7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”</p>
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The Parable of the Prodigal Son: The Lost Son

Luke 15:11–24

1 *He said, “Give me”*

- a. My inheritance
- b. My independence
- c. The result:
He wasted his life
in wild living

2 *He met the day when he suffered and was in need*

- a. He suffered being destitute
- b. He suffered natural disaster
- c. He suffered humiliation
- d. He suffered hunger
- e. He suffered the loss of friends

3 *He came to his senses and snapped out of his insanity, back to reality*

- a. Thought of his father
and his enormous provision
- b. Thought of his plight
- c. Thought of humbling himself:
 - 1) Of repenting
 - 2) Of confessing his sin
and unworthiness

11 Jesus continued:

“There was a man who had two sons.

12 The younger one said to his father,
‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’
So he divided his property between them.

13 Not long after that,
the younger son got together all he had,
set off for a distant country
and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

14 After he had spent everything,
there was a severe famine
in that whole country,
and he began to be in need.

15 So he went and hired himself out
to a citizen of that country,
who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

16 He longed to fill his stomach
with the pods that the pigs were eating,
but no one gave him anything.

17 When he came to his senses,
he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men
have food to spare,
and here I am starving to death!’

18 I will set out and go back to my father
and say to him:
‘Father,
I have sinned against heaven
and against you.

19 I am no longer worthy
to be called your son;
make me like one of your hired men.’

<p>4 <i>He got up and returned to his father</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. He repented — turned from his sinful life b. He was accepted even before he confessed c. He confessed <p>5 <i>He was accepted when he returned to the father</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The father restored him b. The father fed the son and celebrated his son's return c. The father proclaimed his son's new life 	<p>20 So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.</p> <p>21 The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'</p> <p>22 But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.</p> <p>23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.</p> <p>24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.</p>
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The Parable of the Older Son: The Self-Righteous Religionist Luke 15: 25-32

<p>1 <i>Fault 1:</i> <i>He was in the field away from home</i></p>	<p>25 Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.</p> <p>26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.</p> <p>27 ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’</p>
<p>2 <i>Fault 2:</i> <i>He shut himself out</i></p>	<p>28 The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.</p>
<p>3 <i>Fault 3:</i> <i>He was self-righteous</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. He claimed to be religious b. He claimed to be moral and just c. He felt he deserved more, that he was not recognized enough 	<p>29 But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.</p>
<p>4 <i>Fault 4:</i> <i>He lacked compassion and the understanding of sinners</i></p>	<p>30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’</p>
<p>5 <i>Fault 5:</i> <i>He failed to see two critical facts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. He had the same blessings available b. His brother was truly saved 	<p>31 ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.</p> <p>32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”</p>