

"Parable of the Lost Coin"

This parable is a member of a trilogy on redemption taught by Jesus.

Quick Recap...

Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹ Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. ² 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

³ So Jesus told them this story: ⁴ "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? ⁵ And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. ⁶ When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'⁷ 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

• To repent, in relation to salvation, is to change your mind regarding sin and Jesus Christ.

Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ "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? ⁹ 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.' ¹⁰ In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents." **Luke 15:8-10 NLT**

- The woman searches with all her might.
- The woman takes drastic measures to find the valuable coin.
- The woman <u>celebrates when the lost coin is found</u>.
- All of heaven rejoices when <u>one sinner repents and is found</u>.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE LOST?

Jesus said in Luke 19:10...¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

JESUS CAME TO REDEEM THAT WHICH WAS LOST BECAUSE OF SIN.

- We were created to have fellowship with Him.
- We were made to worship Him.
- To be saved is to know Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, to have a relationship with God through Christ.
- To be lost is <u>to not have a personal relationship with God</u>; to have no assurance of salvation and no personal relationship with God.
- To be saved means heaven when you die, to be lost means hell.

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. **Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT**

This lost coin parable gives us a picture of a person in a lost condition. This coin is helpless unless someone else intervenes on its behalf.

JESUS TOOK DRASTIC MEASURES TO REDEEM US.

- He gave his life on the cross.
- He shed his precious blood.
- He defeated hell, death, and the grave to save you.

Next Steps for Me Today...

- To see sin as God sees it.
- To see clearly the true condition of my relationship with God.
- To put my faith in Jesus Christ for salvation!