

The Gospel According to Luke, Chapter 15

A Rough Outline

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Parable of the Prodigal Son (15:11-32)



Luke 15:1-7

Luke 15:1

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.

Luke 15:2

And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:3

So he told them this parable:

Luke 15:4

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?

Luke 15:5

And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Luke 15:6

And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

Luke 15:7

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 15:8-10



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Luke 15:8

“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?”

Luke 15:9

And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'

Luke 15:10

Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:11-16



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Luke 15:11

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons.

Luke 15:12

And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

Luke 15:13

Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

Luke 15:14

And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

Luke 15:15

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

Luke 15:16

And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.



Luke 15:17-24

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Luke 15:17

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!’

Luke 15:18

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

Luke 15:19

I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.””

Luke 15:20

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Luke 15:21

And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

Luke 15:22

But the father said to his servants,
'Bring quickly the best robe, and
put it on him, and put a ring on his
hand, and shoes on his feet.

Luke 15:23

And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

Luke 15:24

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

Luke 15:25-32



Luke 15:25

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

Luke 15:26

And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

Luke 15:27

And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'

Luke 15:28

But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,

Luke 15:29

but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

Luke 15:30

But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’

Luke 15:31

And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.'

Luke 15:32

It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.””

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