

Luke: The Gospel Cares  
The Lost Parables Luke 15:1-32  
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Luke 15 is easy to outline.  
A lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son.  
But what is the point?

Exposition:

1. The attractive offensiveness of Jesus

- Sinners are drawn to Him and the
- Religious crowd was grumbling
  - 17X in Exodus and Numbers
  - The words reveal a bad attitude
  - Jesus was rubbing shoulders with low lifes.
  - v.2 – includes a beautiful description of the gospel

2. The primary attention of Jesus

- Key word #1 – lost
- Key word #2 – found
- Key word #3 – joy
- An aside on repentance
  - How does Jesus know this?
  - He is the pre-existent One.

3. The sad revelation of Jesus

The last parable is not about one lost son, but two.

- Jesus is targeting the Pharisees

- The sinners of v.1 are the younger brother
  - He wished his father was dead
  - He spent the money doing sinful things
  - PTL he repented

The father shows mercy; manifests grace and extends forgiveness.

- The father is looking for his lost son.
  - Compassion
  - He ran!
  - He threw a party
- The older brother knows nothing about grace
  - He saw himself as a slave
  - He had no compassion of forgiveness
  - He had no comprehension

Application:

1. Do I care if angels rejoice and sinners repent?
2. Am I the religious older brother?
3. Am I being radically transformed by God's grace so that I want God's grace poured out on others?
4. Am I a Christ follower? A disciple of Jesus?