



The Perea Ministry Continues

Luke 15

Introduction

As had happened in Galilee, Jesus comes under scrutiny in Perea for His willingness to associate with the "tax gatherers and sinners." To combat this prejudice, Jesus tells 3 three parables in succession. These stories emphasize the value of each lost soul, the love of the Father who agonizes over their departure, and the ugly bias of those who think themselves better than the ones who are "lost."

- 1) What is described in v. 1?
- 2) How did the Pharisees & scribes react to this? (v. 2; cp. 7:36-39)

Parable Of The Lost Sheep (15:3-7)

- 3) What is the situation Jesus describes? (v. 4)
- 4) What does the shepherd experience once he locates the lost sheep? (vv. 5-6)
- 5) What application does Jesus make in v. 7?

Parable Of The Lost Coin (15:8-10)

- 6) What is the situation Jesus describes? (v. 8)
- 7) What does the woman experience when she locates the lost coin? (v. 9)
- 8) What application does Jesus make in v. 10?

The Two Treatises

Lesson 15

Parable Of The Prodigal Son (15:11-32)

- 9) What is the situation Jesus describes? (vv. 11-12) Did everything go as planned for the "enterprising" younger son? (vv. 13-14)

- 10) What hard lessons did this son learn from the "school of hard knocks?" (vv. 15-16)

- 11) What did this young man finally come to realize? (v. 17) What did he decide to do? (v. 18) What did he correctly conclude, albeit too late? (vv. 19-20a)

- 12) Unbeknownst to him, what "activity" had been happening regularly back home? (v. 20b) What happened when the father & son reunited? (v. 20c)

- 13) Did the younger son begin to do as he had "rehearsed?" (v. 21) *Thought question*: what could the father have said?

- 14) How did the father respond? (vv. 22-24)

- 15) What events are described in vv. 25-27? What was the reaction of the older brother? (vv. 28-30) How did the father attempt to reason with his older son? (vv. 31-32)

- 16) *Thought question*: who do you think is the focus of this parable? (cp. vv. 1-2)

- 17) What applications can be made from these 3 parables?