

# Parable of the Lost Sheep & Lost Coin

Luke 15:1–10

## Main Point

Search for lost sinners and rejoice with heaven's chorus when they are found.

## I. The Problem — *Jesus Receives Sinners*

### A. Sinners Come to Jesus (15:1)

1. Tax Collectors — the lying, cheating, despised by all Jewish people
2. Sinners — Prostitutes, thieves, lowest in society
3. The reprobates of society sensed that, though Jesus gave a confrontational message calling for repentance, he cared for them. (cf. John 3:16; 1 Tim. 1:15; Matt. 11:28–30)

### B. Pharisees Complain to Jesus (15:2)

1. Jesus *associates* with these sinners.
2. Jesus *fellowships* with these sinners.

## II. The Parable — *Heaven Rejoices*

### A. Parable of the Lost Sheep (15:3–7)

1. The shepherd *intentionally* takes the time to seek out the one missing sheep. (cf. Ezek. 34:6ff)
2. After finding the lost sheep, the shepherd *rejoices* that the lost sheep has been found, inviting all of his friends and neighbors to join with him in his exuberance.
3. Heaven rejoices when one lost sinner repents.

### B. Parable of the Lost Coin (15:8–10)

1. A woman, who originally started with ten, lost one *drachma* (equivalence of a day's wage).
2. She goes to great lengths to find her lost coin: sweeping, lighting a lamp (since the house likely had no windows), etc.
3. Once she finds the coin, she too rejoices and calls all of her friends and neighbors to join in her exuberance.
4. Heaven rejoices when one sinner repents.