

PARABLES: Truth Hidden In Plain Sight
“The Lost Coin and Sheep”, Luke 15:1-10
-Pastor Dan

Parable: a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

SHEEP: *Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”³ Then Jesus told them this parable:⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.*

COIN: ⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”
Luke 15:1-10

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⁴...100 Sheep:

⁴...loses one of them (sheep):

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
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Repent means “to change one’s mind

...I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.
Acts 26:20

Zacchaeus. -> Luke 19:8

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4.3 grams of silver. Greeks drachma / Romans denarius = day's wage. This money that they could use down the road - Savings.

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How Does God feel about Missions?

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life; for God did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
John 3:16-17

¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
1 Peter 1:18-19

Q: How can they “repent” and “believe” if no one “Goes”?