

## JESUS CHRIST SON OF MAN

THE KINGDOM FROM THE HANDS OF NATURAL MAN TO SPIRITUAL MAN  
JESUS CONTINUES TO ANSWER THE QUESTION - WHO AND HOW MANY WILL  
BE SAVED?

### 1. The VIEW OF THE CHURCH

a. **Luke 15:1-32** Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

I. WHO WAS GATHERING AROUND JESUS?

II. HOW MANY?

III. WHAT WERE THEY DOING?

IV. WHAT WAS THE VIEW OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS?

(1) WHAT DO THEY NOT UNDERSTAND?

(a) **John 3:16-18** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

(i) WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF JESUS COMING TO EARTH?

1) **1 John 3:5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

A) WHY DOES THIS VERSE END IN "AND IN HIM IS NO SIN"?

B) BECAUSE JESUS DOES NOT FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD, HE WILL COMPLETE THAT WHICH THE FATHER HAS GIVEN HIM TO DO.

V. DOES THIS ANSWER PART OF THE QUESTION, WHO AND HOW MANY?

VI. WHAT WERE THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS DOING?

### 2. PARABLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, NOT THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP!

a. **Luke 15:** <sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?"

<sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup>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.

I. FIRST YOU MUST DECIDE WHAT IS THIS PARABLE ABOUT?

(1) TO HELP YOU SEE IT AS I DO, WHAT WAS THE PREVIOUS VERSES ABOUT?

(A) THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS WERE COMPLAINING ABOUT JESUS AND WHAT HE WAS DOING.

(B) IN THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE - VERSE ONE - WHO IS THEM?

(C) THIS PARABLE IS ABOUT JESUS - THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

II. TWO VIEWS OF THIS PARABLE - VIEW ONE - AS SEEN FROM HEAVEN!

(1) SO GOD THE FATHER AND THE SON HAVE MANY SHEEP. THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

- (2) BUT ONE OF THESE SHEEP - THE EARTH GOES ASTRAY.
- (3) WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
  - (A) WHAT DID JESUS DO?
- (4) WHEN HE FINDS THIS SHEEP, WHAT DOES HE DO?
  - (A) LOOK CLOSE!
- (5) AND WHEN HE GETS THIS SHEEP HOME, WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO?
- III. NOW THIS VIEW FROM EARTH!
  - (1) WHAT SHEEP IS JESUS TALKING ABOUT?
    - (A) HIS SHEEP!
      - (I) WHEN DID IT BECOME HIS SHEEP?
        - 1) WHEN IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM AND HE PURCHASED IT!
          - A) **John 10:7-8** Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep." <sup>8</sup>All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.
          - B) **John 17:6-8** "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.
  - (b) WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS SHEEP?
  - (c) WHY USE THE SYMBOL OF A SHEEP?
    - (I) DO THEY KNOW BETTER?
    - (II) WOULD YOU CALL A SHEEP A KNOWING ANIMAL.
      - 1) ONE THAT HAS BEEN TAUGHT TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.
      - 2) IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH WHO WOULD THIS BE?
  - (d) WHAT DOES THE SHEPARD DO?
    - (i) WHERE DOES HE LEAVE THE OTHER SHEEP?
      - 1) ARE THEY HOME?
  - (e) WHEN HE FINDS THE SHEEP WHAT DOES HE DO?
    - (i) UNDER WHO'S POWER IS THIS SHEEP GETTING HOME?
  - (f) JESUS SHOWS ANOTHER GROUP OF SHEEP. THOSE WHO NOW BELONG TO HIM WHO DO NOT GO ASTRAY.
    - (i) WHAT DOES HE CALL THEM?
    - (ii) IS HE PUTTING FAITH IN THEM?
      - 1) WHY, AND HOW?
  - (2) HOW DOES THIS ANSWER THE QUESTION, WHO AND HOW MANY WILL BE SAVED?
  - (3) WHAT IS THE MINISTRY OF JESUS ABOUT?
- 3. PARABLE OF THE WOMAN WITH THE LOST COIN, NOT THE LOST COIN!
  - A. LUKE 15: <sup>8</sup>"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?" <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' <sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
  - I. WHAT ARE WE TOLD ABOUT THIS WOMAN?
    - (1) SHE HAS TEN COINS.
      - (A) THEY ARE IN HER POSSESSION. THEY BELONG TO HER.

- (B) TEN = DIVINE ORDER. THIS IS THE WAY GOD WANTS IT. HE WANTS THESE COINS.
- (C) TAKE OUT TEN COINS AND LAY THEM ON A TABLE.
  - (I) MOVE ONE OF THEM TO THE SIDE. WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE.
  - (II) **Genesis 1:31** God saw all that he had made, **and it was very good.** And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.
    - 1) Very Good - Divine Order
- (2) ONE OF THE COINS IS LOST.
  - (A) DID THE COIN HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ITS GETTING LOST?
- (3) WHAT DOES THE WOMAN DO?
  - (A) SHE LIGHTS A LAMP!
    - (i) **John 3:19-21** This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."
  - (b) SHE SWEEPS IT CLEAN
    - (i) **Matthew 3:12** His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."
- (4) THIS "WOMAN" IS ABOUT WHOM?
- (5) WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF HEAVEN WITH THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE?

#### 4. PARABLE OF THE FATHER

- a. Luke 15:<sup>11-32</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup>After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup>I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' <sup>20</sup>So he got up and went to his father." But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the

house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup>'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>" 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "

- I. BEFORE WE DO THIS STUDY - GO BACK AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED IN VERSES 1 & 2, WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE LOST SHEEP WAS FOUND, WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE LOST COIN WAS FOUND.
  - (1) THEY ARE ABOUT THE CELEBRATION OVER THE REPENTANCE OF A LOST SINNER, WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS PARABLE WILL END UP BEING ABOUT.
  - (2) BUT HERE, WE WILL BE GIVEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
    - (A) THE ATTITUDE THAT IS SEEN IN VERSES 1 & 2, WE WILL NOW SEE WITH THE OLDER BROTHER - AGAIN WHO DOES THIS REPRESENT?
- II. IN THE FIRST TWO PARABLES; THE SHEEP AND THE COIN WAS NOT IN CONTROL OF WHERE THEY WERE. THE STATE THAT THEY WERE IN. IN THIS PARABLE WE WILL SEE A MAJOR DIFFERENCE.
- III. FATHER HAD TWO SONS.
  - (1) ONE DECIDES TO LEAVE THE HOUSE. HE WANTS TO CHECK OUT THE WORLD.
    - (A) **Ephesians. 5:18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.
    - (b) **Titus 1:6** An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.
    - (c) **1 Peter 4:4** They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you.
  - (2) FAR LAND
    - (a) **Ephesians. 2:17** He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.
- iv. THE YOUNGER SON

Lack of wisdom - result	<sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.
Penitence and humility	<sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.

Return home and is welcomed	<sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.
His Fathers compassion	verse 20
His confession to the father	<sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son
The Fathers gifts	<sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate
The Reason	<sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate

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Anger and sullenness	<sup>28</sup> "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him
The Father pleads	verse 28
Bragging on himself	<sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends
Complaint expands	<sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!"
The Fathers gift	<sup>31</sup> " 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "
The reason	Verse 32

vi. TAKE A LOOK AT THE ELDER BROTHER AND THE PHARISEES

Bother murmured	2, 29-30
Both were jealous of sinners	2, 30

Both lacked love for sinners	2, 27-32
Both were sullen	2, 28
Both were ignorant of what was hampering	1-2, 26
Both were angry	2, 28
Both were asked to reconsider	3-7, 28
Both claimed to be justified in their actions	7, 29-30
Both sought to keep sinners from being blessed	2, 28-32
Both bragged on themselves	29, 9-14
Both found fault	2, 29

vii. HEAR VERSE 29-32 AGAIN

- (1) <sup>27</sup>**'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'** <sup>28</sup>**"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.** <sup>29</sup>**But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>" 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'** "