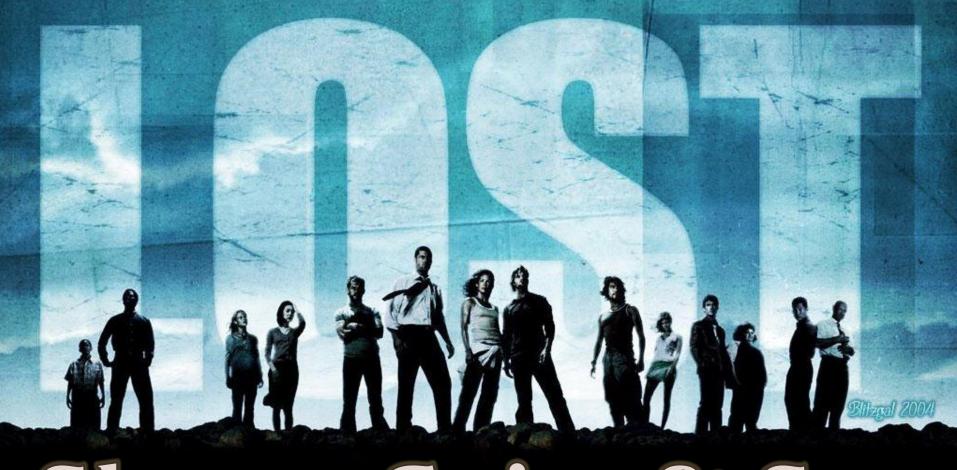
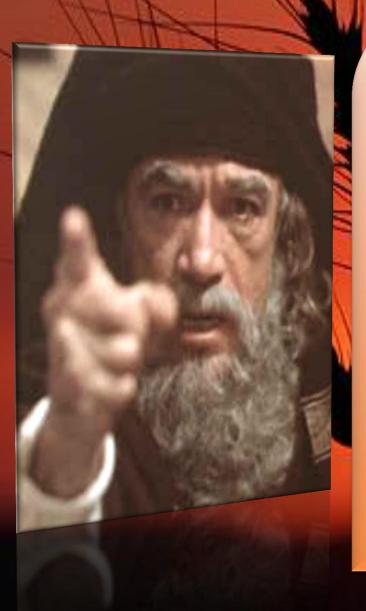
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Luke 15:1-32¹



Sheep, Coin, & Son

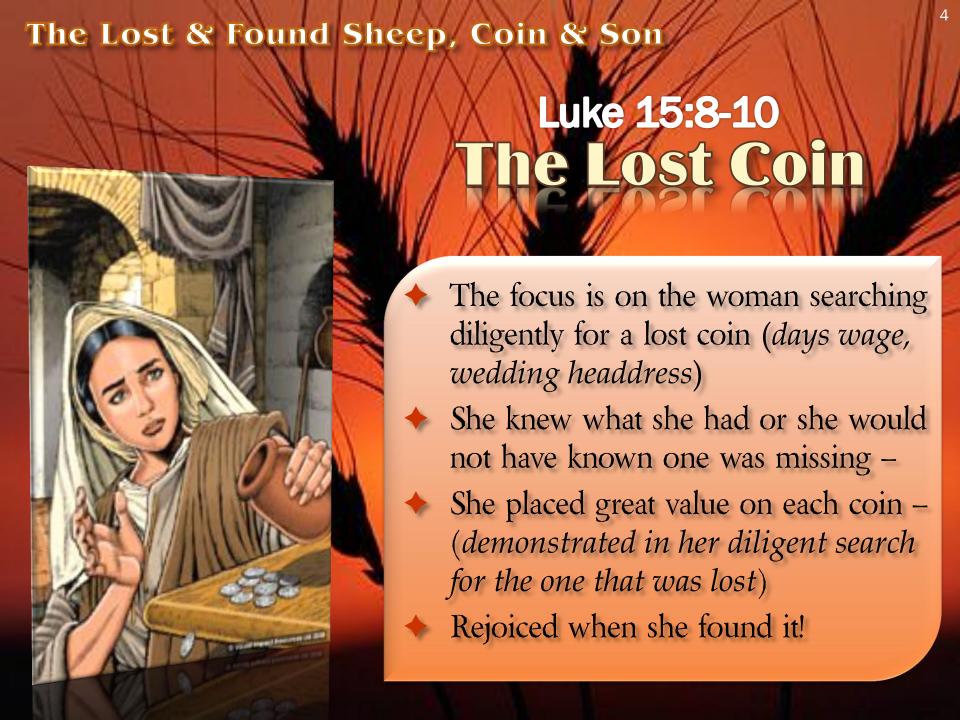


- The contrast between how sinners viewed Jesus and the Scribes & Pharisees − (Luke 15:1,2; 5:29-32; Mat 9:10-13)
- The attitude manifested by the Scribes & Pharisees (Luke 15:2; 5:30; 7:34,39; 19:7)
- Jesus responds with a parabolic triptych . . .
 - 1) "The Lost Sheep" Lk 15:3-7
 - 2) "The Lost Coin" Lk 15:8-10
 - 3) "The Prodigal Son" Lk 15:11-32



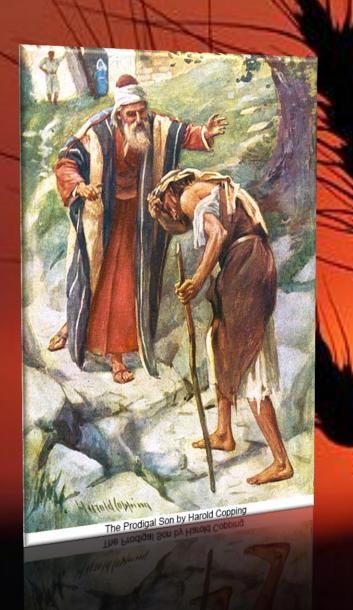
Luke 15:4-7 The Lost Sheep

- ◆ The focus is on the shepherd's duty toward the sheep -
- What do shepherds do when a lamb goes astray? –
- ♦ What is the shepherds attitude toward the lost sheep?
- How does the shepherd react when the lost sheep is found?





- The emphasis is on the love of the Father -
- ★ The prodigal son made a conscious decision to leave and waste his inheritance on sinful pleasure –
- ◆ The Father did not go and find the son The son had to make a decision to return home –
- ★ There was great joy when the son returned!



Four Types Of Lost Sinners



- **LOST SHEEP -** was lost, knew it was lost, did not know the way home (had to be led home)
- **◆ LOST COIN** was lost, did not know it was lost, did not know the way home (had to be found)
- **LOST SON -** was lost, knew he was lost, knew the way home (had to decide)
- **◆ ELDER BROTHER -** was lost, did not know he was lost (needed to learn of his condition)

The Lostness of The Lost



- ♦ Sinners NEVER lose their VALUE Mat. 16:26
 - They lose their way -
 - They lose their usefulness –
 - They lose their relationship with God & His children -
 - They lose their souls -





Important Lessons

- Appealing To A Lost World –
- The Love of God For The Lost —
- The Rejoicing In Heaven ForThe Penitent –
- ♦ The Value of The Lost —
- ♦ The State of The Lost -
- Our Attitude Toward The Lost -

John 4:34-36 (NKJV)

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! ³⁶ And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

Do You See Yourself In These Parables?

The Shepherd?

The Woman?

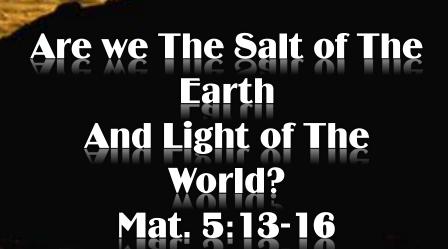
The Loving Father?

The Lost Sheep?

The Lost Coin?

The Lost Son?

The Eldest Son?



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