

Message Title: **The Search is On**
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Text: **Luke 19:10^{NKJ}**
“for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”.

The message is taken from **Luke 15**, this chapter is best known as the **Parable of the Three Losses**.

These parables came about as **a response** to the criticism and complaining by the Pharisees and the religious teachers that Jesus was teaching, fellowshiping with sinners.

Luke 15:1-3

- v1 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.*
- v2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.”*
- v3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying:*

Notice as you read the Bible it is usually the Pharisees who always have an issue.

The Pharisees came **to judge** and find fault with Jesus.

The sinners were attracted to Jesus and came **to listen** to what Jesus was teaching.

Jesus **responded not reacted** to the murmuring and complaining of the Pharisees by teaching 3 parables.

In Luke 15, Jesus showed His disciples 3 groups of losses and how to recover the losses.

I The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Luke 15:4-7^{NKJ}

- v4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?”*
- v5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.*
- v6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’*
- v7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.*

II The Parable of the Lost Coin - Luke 15:8-10

- v8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?”*
- v9 And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’*
- v10 Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

III The Lost Son - Luke 15:11-24

- v11 Then He said: “A certain man had two sons.*
- v12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood.*
- v13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.*

v14 *But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.*

v15 *Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.*

v16 *And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.*

v17 *“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!*

v18 *I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,*

v19 *and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’”*

v20 *“And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.*

v 21 *And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’*

v22 *“But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.*

v23 *And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;*

v24 *for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.*

CONCLUSION

The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin

1. They were lost not because of sinfulness or rebellion. They were just lost.
2. The “owner” took the initiative to seek for the lost sheep and lost coin.
3. The “owner” sought diligently, persistently, determined to find the lost.
4. The 2 losses were willing to be found and restored back to its purpose for being.

The Lost Son

The “father did not seek out the lost son.
 What the father did was pray, wait, hope for the son to return.

The good news is – all three losses were found and there were great rejoicing and celebration when the losses were found.

Indeed Jesus is passionate about finding the lost.

“the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”.

Jesus said, “Seek and you shall find”.