

Portraits of Christ from Luke

Conversion through a Savior

Luke 15:1-32

Luke paints a beautiful portrait of Christ

We have seen His compassion for the outcast

His love for the downtrodden from every nation.

Luke reminds us this is the purpose of His coming

Luke 1:47 How my spirit rejoices in my Savior

Luke 2:11 The Savior has been born today

Luke 9:24 - give up your life for my sake = salvation

Luke 19:10 The Son of Man came to seek and to save those who are lost

The occasion - Luke 15:2 Pharisees and religion teachers complained

That Jesus associated and even ate with sinful people

The Answer - 3 parables of that which is lost

Lost Sheep - foolishly wandered away - Shepherd sought and found **3-7**

Lost Coin - carelessly handled - Light a lamp, sought and found **8-10**

Lost Sons - one rebellious and one self-righteous - only one found **11-32**

Lost Rebellious Son

I. Rebellion

A. Lawful but not morally right

Sought wealth without work

Sought freedom by running from responsibility

Sought fulfillment without commitment

B. Left all God had provided

Father who love enough to let him go

Home and safety and future

C. Lost all he had

Wasted all on wild living

Wanted but no one gave him help

II. Repentance

A. Came to his senses

Changed his mind - repentance

B. Committed to return

Laid aside pride and rights

C. Confessed

Sinned against heaven and father

Not worthy to be son

III. Rejoice

A. Anticipation

Saw him from afar - recognized his heart

Ran to him - embraced and kissed him

B. Acceptance

Heard his word and his heart

Robe - clothed in love

Ring - sonship

Sandals - free man

Feast - dead son is alive.

Lost Religious Son

I. The Pout of the son

Trusted his position instead of relationship

Trusted his works and missed the wealth

Trusted his goodness and missed grace

II. The Plea of the Father

The Father went out to him

The Father told of the opportunities he missed

The Father gave him reason to rejoice -

III. The Point

The Dead is alive

The Lost is found

What about your life

Have you wandered away from God?

Seeking wealth or freedom or fulfillment

Have you been carelessly hurt by others?

Buried in the business of life

Have you openly rejected God's way

Christ wants you to know

He is watching for you

He is seeking you

He is prepared for your return

Come to your senses

Confess your sins

Commit your entire self