

LUKE 15



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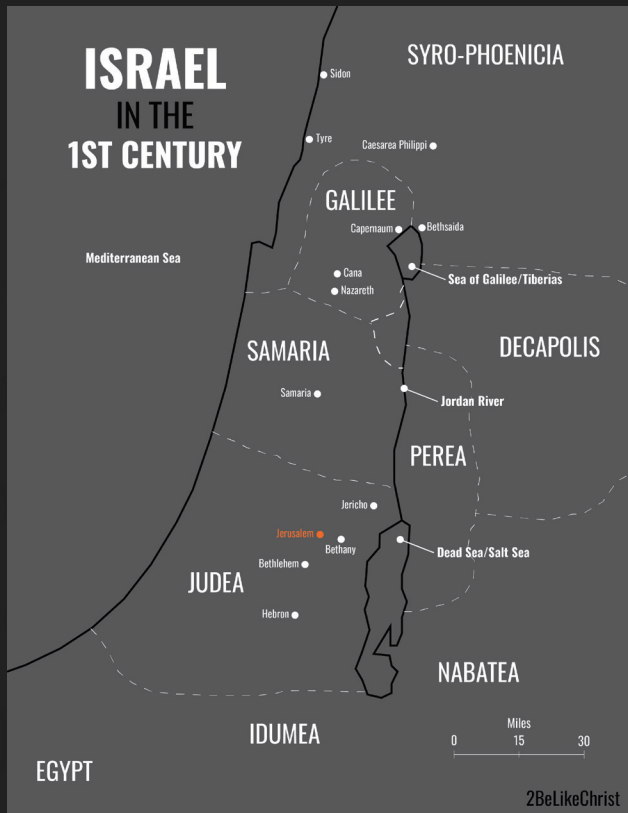
- The events of chapter 15 were part of Jesus' ministry on earth.
- These events took place approximately 30-33 A.D..

CHARACTERS:

- **Jesus** - The Messiah and Son of God.
- **A Shepherd with a Lost Sheep**
- **A Woman with a Lost Coin**
- **The Prodigal Son** - A young man who left home and nearly ruined his life.

WHERE:

- Luke does not share the exact location of these events.
- Luke 13:22 reads, "He [Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem."



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OVERVIEW:

- THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP (15:1-7):
 - + Jesus told this parable in response to the Pharisees grumbling about Him spending time with sinners.
 - + A shepherd had 100 sheep, but one got lost.
 - + The shepherd left the 99 to search for the 1.
 - + When he found it, him and his friends rejoiced.
 - + Jesus compared their rejoicing to the rejoicing that goes on in heaven when a sinner repents.
- THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN (15:8-10):
 - + Jesus asked, if a woman has 10 coins but loses one, “does she not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?”
 - + Upon finding the lost coin, her and her friends will rejoice.
 - + “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”
- THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON (15:11-32):
 - + A man had two sons. One day, his youngest son approached him and asked to be given his inheritance.
 - + The father gave his son his portion of the inheritance. A few days later, his son left home.
 - + The younger son wasted all of his money on sinful living and quickly found himself broke and in despair.
 - + He resolved to return to his father’s house and ask his father to take him back as a hired servant.
 - + When he arrived home, his father ran to him, hugged him, honored him, and forgave him.
 - + But the father’s oldest son was angry that his father was so quick to forgive the brother who had shamed the family.
 - + His father told him it was fitting to celebrate the return of his younger brother because he “was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.”

BIG PICTURE:

- The Bible tells us all men have sinned and wandered away from God (Romans 3:23).
- At some point, we are all lost sheep, lost coins, and prodigal children.
- Jesus wants you to return home to the safety and blessing of God’s care.

TAKEAWAYS:

- How do you view people who are caught up in sin?
- Do you look down on them?
- Do you feel morally superior to them?
- Do you want nothing to do with them?
- Jesus intentionally spent time with sinners (Luke 15:2). He wanted to show them a better way to live, because He loved them.
- Are we like Jesus or are we like the Pharisees and scribes who weren’t interested in extending help to sinners?