

Rediscover Jesus, Part 58: “Jesus Receives Sinners”

Luke 15:1-10

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15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

One Thing

Rejoice with Jesus as he receives lost sinners and leads us to repentance.

Overview

- 1) Self-righteous people grumble at Jesus’ welcoming grace for sinners (vv.1-2)
- 2) Jesus gladly receives sinners because he diligently seeks them out (vv.3-4, 8)
- 3) Jesus invites sinners to enter into his joy through repentance (vv.7, 10)

Life Application

- 1) Repent with rejoicing.
- 2) Receive one another with rejoicing.
- 3) Reach others with rejoicing.