

## → A rich ruler

Luke 18:18 A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, **what must I do to inherit eternal life?**” 19 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. 20 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’” 21 “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said. 22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” 23 **When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.**

## → Jesus’s mission

Luke 19:10 <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Ezk 34:16 I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

## → Zacchaeus

Luke 19:5 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “**Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.**” 9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

- 1 The Pharisees judged Zacchaeus as a "sinner."  
Zacchaeus, like a wealthy official, had a lot of money, served Rome, and lived in a way that cheated taxes from his fellow Jews.
2. Jesus looked at Zacchaeus as a “descendant of Abraham.” He felt compassion for him because he had strayed from God’s will and his soul was lost. Through Jesus’ loving visit, Zacchaeus’ heart was completely changed.
3. Zacchaeus no longer valued money above all else. He was transformed so that God’s love and mercy became his highest priority. He was changed into someone who would use the money that had been so important to him to help the poor for the sake of God’s love.

## → 3 Lost in Luke 15

Luke 15:1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

### 1. 1. The Lost Sheep; people who have strayed away from Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and become lost.

Luke 15:4 <sup>4</sup>“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?”

### 2. 2. The Lost Silver Coin: The people who belong to God but have strayed away from Him

Luke 15:8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins<sup>[a]</sup> and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?”

### 3. The Lost Son; people who have separated from God the Father and live selfishly on their own.

Luke 15:20 So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

— Common points of the three parables

1. Things or people that have gone away from their owner: a sheep, a coin, a son
2. The owner searches desperately until they are found
3. The owner finds what was lost and rejoices greatly



We are  
God's sheep  
God's chosen people  
God's children

Luke 15:7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:32 <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”

Eph 2:5 <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

➔ What does it mean to be lost? Let's learn from the parables of the rich official, the sheep, the silver coin, and the prodigal son.

Being disobedient to God's word [committing sin]

Listening to the voice of the devil and turning away from God [Genesis 3: Adam and Eve]

Walking according to the god of this world, following evil spirits [Ephesians 2:1-3]

➔ What is God's desire?

It is for humans to return to the Creator, our Father God, and serve Him. Father God sent Jesus to Earth to redeem human sins and restore the relationship with Him.

➔ What is Jesus' mission? It is to find, seek out, and save the sheep who have strayed from God on this earth.

➔ What is our mission?

We are called by Jesus to be His witnesses. [Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19-20]

In this world, we are entrusted with the task of searching for and reaching out to those who are lost and separated from God, finding them, and sharing the gospel. We are entrusted with the ministry of God's reconciliation.

How? 1) Prayer 2) Visits 3) Phone & social media 4) Actual acts of love

Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman. He visited a tax collector and ate with him.