

YOU ARE WELCOME!

Luke 15:1-2

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. **2** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man **welcomes** sinners, and eats with them.'

Luke 15:4-7

'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? And when he **finds** it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, "**Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.**" 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** people who do not need to repent.

TRUTH'S REGARDING THE LOST SHEEP

A. Something valuable is **lost**

1 IS LOST OUT OF 100 = 1%

B. The lost is **found**

C. The found is **rejoiced** over

D. Statement regarding the **joy of heaven**

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** people who do not need to repent.

BONUS TRUTH: The sheep **knew** it was lost but **did not know** how to find it's way back

Luke 15:8-10

'Or suppose a woman has **ten silver coins** and **loses one**. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and **search carefully** until she **finds** it? **9** And when she **finds** it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, "**Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.**" In the same way, I tell you, **there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God** over **one sinner** who repents.'

TRUTH'S REGARDING THE LOST COIN

A. Something valuable is **lost**

1 OUT OF 10 IS LOST = 10%

B. The lost is **found**

C. The found is **rejoiced** over

D. Statement regarding the **joy of heaven**

In the same way, I tell you, **there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God** over **one sinner** who repents.'

BONUS TRUTH: The coin **didn't know** it was lost.

Luke 14:11-12

Jesus continued: 'There was a man who had **two sons**. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he **divided** his property between them.

'Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there **squandered** his wealth in **wild living**.

TRUTH REGARDING THE LOST SON

A. Something valuable is **lost**

1 OUT OF 2 IS LOST = 50%

B. The lost is **found**

C. The found is **rejoiced** over

D. Statement regarding the joy of **heaven**

Luke 15:14-16

After he had spent **everything**, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and **he began to be in need**. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He **longed** to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but **no one gave him anything**.

'When he **came to his senses**, he said, "How many of my **father's** hired servants have **food to spare**, and here I am **starving to death!** I will set out and **go back to my father** and say to him: Father, **I have sinned** against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants." So he got up and went to his father.

BONUS TRUTH: The son **knew he was lost** and **knew how to get home!**

Luke 15:20

'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 round him and kissed him.

Luke 15:31-32

"My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 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.**"

HERE IS THE BIG TRUTH REGARDING EASTER

No matter your level of "lostness" - Jesus **welcomes** you!

A = ADMIT

B = BELIEVE

C = CONFESS

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