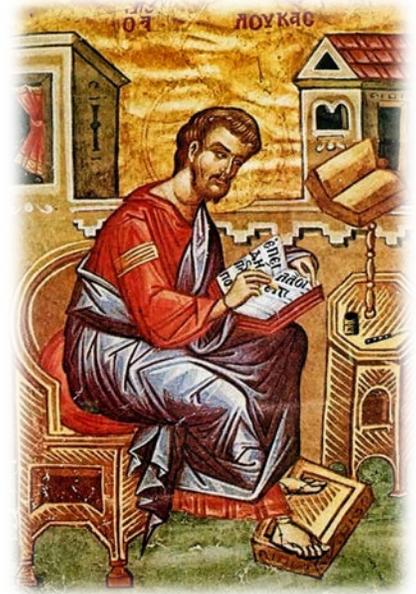


Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Lesson VIII – Luke 15:1–16:31

Review:

- Opposition to the Gospel (Luke 12:49–59)
- The Call to Repentance (Luke 13:1–9)
- The Gospel Brings Deliverance (Luke 13:10–21)
- The Door to Eternal Life (Luke 13:22–30)
- Jesus Grieves over Unbelievers (Luke 13:31–35)
- A Lesson on Humility and Charity (Luke 14:1–14)
- Parable of the Great Supper (Luke 14:15–24)
- Continuance in God’s House (Luke 14:25–35)



Theme Verse:

“For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” And they began to celebrate. **Luke 15:24**

Bible Study:

Joy over Finding the Lost

Read Luke 15:1–10

1. What does the parable of the lost sheep teach us regarding ourselves? regarding Jesus? (See Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:25; and John 10:16.)
2. How is the woman in the second parable a type of the Church? of the individual believer?

Pardon for Penitent Sinners

Read Luke 15:11–24

1. How does the parable prove that “the way of the treacherous is their ruin”? What effect does sin have on the body? on the soul? How does the parable show that salvation is only by God’s grace?
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Lost in the Father's House

Read Luke 15:25–32

1. Why is the story of the elder son a warning example for every churchgoer?
2. Mention several sins that the elder brother committed. How do self-righteous people prove that they, too, are sinners?

Giving an Account

Read Luke 16:1–12

1. Why can't we do what we please with our earthly possessions? How does God often show that all things belong to Him?
2. When are we faithful stewards of our time, talents, and property? How does the parable solve the problem of giving to the Church?

Serving Two Masters

Read Luke 16:13–18

1. Why can a person who is ruled by love of money not serve God (see 1 Timothy 6:9–10)?
2. How might we try to serve both God and money? What may be the result? How can we prevent money from ruling over us?

A Man Who Had No Friend in Eternity

Read Luke 16:19–31

1. How is the rich man a warning to people who enjoy prosperity in this life? Why did Abraham, who had been rich, get to heaven?
2. Why is it foolish to deny that there is a hell? What does our text tell us about the place of the damned (see Isaiah 66:24; Mark 9:43–48)?

Closing:

Some activities this week to grow your faith:

- Find out how you can help in Ascension's evangelism efforts to the community;
- Resolve to increase your current level of financial giving to your congregation, Synod, and mission organizations;
- Read **Luke 17:1–18:43** to prepare for the next lesson.