

## Easter Sunday :

### Ring and Robe

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*

*Luke 19:10 (NIV)*

*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.”*

*Luke 15:1-2 (NIV)*

*Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> “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. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.*

*<sup>17</sup> “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! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> 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.*

*<sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’*

*<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.’ <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.*

*Luke 15:11-24 (NIV)*

#### 4 things to pull out of this story...

- There was \_\_\_\_\_.
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*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 15:7 (NIV)*

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

*Luke 15:10 (NIV)*

*The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

*Luke 15:21 (NIV)*

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*Luke 15:22-24 (NIV)*

*he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.*

*<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;*

*<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

*<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;*

*Psalm 103:10-13 (NIV)*

*God...commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."*

*Acts 17:30-31 (NIV)*

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