

The Prodigal Son



I. Context

A. Pharisees/Scribes-Grumbling

1. What are they grumbling about?

B. The Parable of the Lost Sheep; the Parable of the Lost Coin

1. What are some teachings of these Parables?

C. Who should we put at the center of Parables?

II. Scene One: The Betrayal

A. Is the younger son in this parable?

1. One of the sinners Jesus eats with
2. A Pharisee/Scribe

B. Define Prodigal (ἀσώτως):

III. Scene Two: The Return

- A. "To himself he came"

- B. Why be a servant and not a son? *How is this like a pharisee?*

- C. Where is the Father?

- D. Does he want another servant or a son?

- E. What does God prefer? David (2 Samuel 6) or Ahaz (Isaiah 7)?
 - 1. James 1:6-8
 - 2. Psalm 30:8-10
 - 3. Matthew 14:26-29

IV. Scene Three: The Implications

- A. Who are the Pharisees in this story? Are they jealous of the sinners that Jesus loves or is it something worse?

- B. Have the Pharisees heard this story before? (Jonah 4)

- C. What are the two truths we need to learn from this story?
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____