

Series: Holy Week 2019

Message: Jesus – A Compassionate, Forgiving Warrior

Scripture: Mark 11:7-19, Luke 15:11-32

Dates: April 13/14, 2019

Luke 15:1-2

¹ *Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him.*

² *Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."*

1. The Lost Condition Of Man

1) As Proudful Rebels (deceived by the alluring world)

Luke 15:11-19

¹¹ *And He said, "A man had two sons.*

¹² *"The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' So he divided his wealth between them.*

¹³ *"And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living.*

¹⁴ *"Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished.*

¹⁵ *"So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.*

¹⁶ *"And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him.*

¹⁷ *"But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!*

¹⁸ *'I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;*

¹⁹ *I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.'"*

2) As Religious Moralists (deceived by their relative goodness)

Matthew 21:31

³¹ *"Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you."*

2. The Compassionate, Forgiving Nature Of Jesus (always ready to forgive repentant sinners)

Luke 15:20-24

²⁰ *"So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.*

²¹ *"And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

²² *"But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;*

²³ *and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;*

²⁴ *for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.*

John Newton

Our pleasure and our duty though opposite before, since we have seen His beauty are joined to part no more.

William Cowper

To see the law of Christ fulfilled and hear His pardoning voice, changes a slave into a child and duty into choice.