

THE KINGDOM AGENDA

1. Why did Jesus come to the Earth?
2. Who exactly did He come for?
3. How can Compassion bring so much Controversy?

TAKE AWAY POINT

‘We are all sinners in need of a Saviour’

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ADVANCING THE KINGDOM AGENDA

COMPASSION FOR THE LOST

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Luke 15: 25-32

The Pharisee Times

NEWS FOR TODAY

• SPORT NEWS

• SPECIAL EDITION

BREAKING NEWS

Matthew Tax Collector recruited to be a Disciple according to reports

Jesus recruits known 'Scumbag' Levi

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LUKE 5:31-32 (NLT) – Matthew the Tax Collector

³⁰ But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "***Why do you eat and drink with such scum?^[e]***"

³¹ Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. ³² I have come to call not those who ***think they are righteous***, but those who ***know they are sinners and need to repent.***"

Food for thought

‘They saw them as **‘scum’**, but Jesus referred to them as **‘sick’**

MATTHEW 9:35-38 (NLT) – Matthew the Tax Collector

³⁵ Jesus travelled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. ³⁶ *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* ³⁷ He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

LUKE 19:1-9 (NLT) – Zacchaeus the Chief Tax Collector

⁷ But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.

⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!”

⁹ Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰ ***For the Son of Man^[a] came to seek and save those who are lost.***”

LUKE 19:1-9 (NLT) – Zacchaeus the Chief Tax Collector

‘Engaging Culture’
I’m coming to you!

ENGAGING CULTURE

1. Don't believe the 'hype' Luke 5: 15-17
2. Be Accountable, no man is an Island

LUKE 15:15-17 (NLT)

¹⁵ But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. ¹⁶ ***But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.***

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

¹⁷ One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.)
And the Lord's healing power was strongly with Jesus.

LUKE 15:1-2 (NLT)

1 **Tax collectors** and **other notorious sinners** often came to listen to Jesus teach. 2 This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

LUKE 15:3 (NLT)

³ So Jesus told them this story:

3 Parables – Referring to those who have strayed away.

JESUS ANSWERS WITH 3 PARABLES

1. Parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15: 1-7)
2. Parable of the lost coin (Luke 15: 8-10)
3. Parable of the 'lost' or 'Prodigal' son (Luke 15: 11-32)

LUKE 15:7 (NLT)

⁷ In the same way, *there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents* and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

JESUS ANSWERS WITH 3 PARABLES

1. Parable of the lost coin (Luke 15: 8-10)

¹⁰ In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."

LUKE 15:7 (NLT)

KINGDOM KPI's:

- Rescuing the 1 stray sheep
- Not walking around with the 99
- That's what really moves heaven!

LUKE 15:25-32 (NLT)

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, ²⁶ and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’

²⁸ “*The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in.* His father came out and begged him, ²⁹ but he replied, ‘*All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to.* And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. ³⁰ Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’

³¹ “His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. ³² We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”

Prodigal Son(s)

1. Be Strong in the Lord
2. Recognise this is a spiritual battle
3. *Power come with responsibility*
4. Power brings *influence*

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Father God, I repent of all my sins. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and I believe that you raised Him from the dead. Thank you for your forgiveness, thank you for saving me and making me a member of your family. I pray this in Jesus name, AMEN!