Perean Ministry—The Narrow Way (early 33)

Luke 13:22–35

22 And he was going throughout towns and villages, teaching and making *his* journey toward Jerusalem.

23 And someone said to him, "Lord, are there only a few who are saved?" And he said to them,

24 "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able to,

25 when once the master of the house has gotten up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door,

saying, 'Lord, open the door for us!' And he will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from!'

26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets!'

27 And he will reply, saying to you, 'I do not know where you are from! Go away from me, all you evildoers!' [cf. Ps 6:8]

28 In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves thrown outside!

29 And they will come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God.

30 And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

31 At *that* same hour some Pharisees came up *and* said to him, "Go out and depart from here, because Herod wants to kill you!"

32 And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I am expelling demons and performing healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work.'

33 Nevertheless, it is necessary *for* me to be on the way today and tomorrow and on the next *day*, because it is not possible *for* a prophet to perish outside Jerusalem.

34 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How many times I wanted to gather your children together the way a hen *gathers* her own brood under *her* wings, and you were not willing!

35 Behold, your house has been left to you! And I tell you, you will never see me until *the time* will come when you say, 'Blessed *is* the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'" [Ps 118:26]

Perean Ministry—Another Sabbath Healing Controversy (early 33)

Luke 14:1–24

1 And it happened that when he came to the house of a certain one of the leaders of the Pharisees on a Sabbath to eat a meal, they were watching him closely.

2 And behold, a certain man was in front of him, suffering from edema.

3 And Jesus answered and said to the legal experts and Pharisees, saying, "Is it permitted to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"

4 But they remained silent. And he took hold of him and healed him, and sent him away.

5 And he said to them, "Who among you, *if your* son or *your* ox falls into a well on the day of the Sabbath, will not immediately pull him out?"

6 And they were not able to make a reply to these *things*.

7 Now he told a parable to those who had been invited *when he* noticed how they were choosing for themselves the places of honor, saying to them,

8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not recline at the table in the place of honor, lest *someone* more distinguished than you has been invited by him,

9 and the one who invited you both will come *and* say to you, 'Give the place to this person,' and then with shame you will begin to take the last place.

10 But when you are invited, go *and* recline at the table in the last place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then it will be an honor to you in the presence of all those who are reclining at the table with you. 11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

12 And he also said to the one who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your

brothers or your relatives or wealthy neighbors, lest they also invite you *in return*, and repayment come to you.

13 But whenever you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

14 and you will be blessed, because they are not able to repay you. For it will be paid back to you at the resurrection of the righteous."

15 Now *when* one of those reclining at the table with *him* heard these *things*, he said to him, "Blessed *is* everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

16 But he said to him, "A certain man was giving a large banquet and invited many.

17 And he sent his slave at the hour of the banquet to say to those who have been invited, 'Come, because now it is ready!'

18 And they all alike began to excuse themselves. The first said to him, 'I have purchased a field, and I must go out to look at it. I ask you, consider me excused.'

19 And another said, 'I have purchased five yoke of oxen, and I am going to examine them. I ask you, consider me excused.'

20 And another said, 'I have married a wife, and for this reason I am not able to come.'

21 And the slave came *and* reported these *things* to his master. Then the master of the house became angry *and* said to his slave, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame!'

22 And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' 23 And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and hedges and press *them* to come in, so that my house will be filled!

24 For I say to you that none of those persons who were invited will taste my banquet!""

Perean Ministry—Cost of Discipleship (early 33)

Luke 14:25-35

25 Now large crowds were going along with him, and he turned around *and* said to them,

26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and furthermore, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, wanting to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?

29 Otherwise after he has laid the foundation and is not able to finish it, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,

30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish!'

31 Or what king, going out to engage another king in battle, does not sit down first *and* deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand.

32 But if not, while the other is still far away, he sends an ambassador and asks for terms of peace.

33 In the *same* way, therefore, every *one* of you who does not renounce all his own possessions cannot be my disciple.

34 "Now salt is good, but if salt becomes tasteless, with what will it be made salty?

35 It is usable neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; they throw it out. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Perean Ministry—Parable of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin and Lost Son (early 33)

Luke 15

Parable of the Lost Sheep

1 Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were drawing near to hear him.

2 And both the Pharisees and the scribes were complaining, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them!"

3 So he told them this parable, saying,

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4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the grassland and go after the one that was lost until he finds it?

5 And when he has found it, he places it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he returns to his home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost!'

7 I tell you that in the *same* way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

Parable of the Lost Coin

8 Or what woman who has ten drachmas, if she loses one drachma, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds *it*?

9 And *when she* has found *it*, she calls together *her* friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found the drachma that I had lost!'

10 In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Parable of the Lost Son

11 And he said, "A certain man had two sons.

12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that is coming to *me*.' So he divided *his* assets between them.

13 And after not many days, the younger son gathered everything *and* went on a journey to a distant country, and there he squandered his wealth *by* living wastefully.

14 And *after* he had spent everything, there was a severe famine throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

15 And he went *and* hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to tend pigs.

16 And he was longing to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, and no one was giving anything to him.

17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired workers have an abundance of food, and I am dying here from hunger!

18 I will set out 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 like one of your hired workers.'

20 And he set out and came to his own father. But while he was still a long way away, his father saw him and had compassion, and

ran and embraced him and kissed him.

21 And *his* 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 *his* father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his finger and sandals on *his* feet!

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

24 because this son of mine was dead, and is alive again! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

25 "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came *and* approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 And he summoned one of the slaves *and* asked what these *things* meant.

27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has gotten him back healthy.' 28 But he became angry and did not want to go in. So his father came out *and* began to implore him.

29 But he answered *and* said to his father, 'Behold, so many years I have served you, and have never disobeyed your command! And you never gave me a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends!

30 But when this son of yours returned—who has consumed your assets with prostitutes—you killed the fattened calf for him!' 31 But he said to him, 'Child, you are always with me, and everything I have belongs to you.

32 But it was necessary to celebrate and to rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead, and is alive, and was lost, and is found!""

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