

Jesus Does All Things Well

(Luke 15:1-7)

- Introduction:
1. One of the most challenging things to ever attempt is to be a follower of Jesus (Mark 7:37).
 2. Sometimes, rather than fashioning our lives in conformity to Jesus, we try to re-fashion Jesus to our own liking.
 3. God is not like man (Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 40:18).
 4. What we think Jesus would do is not always what he did.
 5. For some, Luke 15 is a disturbing portrayal of Jesus, for others, it is a challenge.
 6. Let's take a look.

I. Consider His Association

- A. (Luke 15:1).
- B. They didn't just follow Jesus around; he invited and welcomed them
- C. (Matthew 9:10).
- D. How can one be holy and associate with sinners like Jesus?
- E. Jesus remained separated from sin, but not sinners.
- F. Workplace, school...if we separated ourselves, how would people see Jesus?
- G. (1 Corinthians 5:9-10).

II. Consider The Grumbling

- A. (Luke 15:2).
- B. The religious people of the day didn't like Jesus' association with sinners.
- C. The Pharisees were the "separated ones" who prided themselves for their lack of association with sinners (Isaiah 65:5).
- D. (Luke 7:36-39).
- E. The Pharisee's desire to be separate from sin had evolved into separation from the sinner.
- F. They had become "too heavenly minded to be of any earthly good."

III. Consider How Jesus Sought Them

- A. (Luke 15:4-7).
- B. What was Jesus doing with these sinners? He was seeking them.
- C. This assembly is the pasture...not many lost people come here.
- D. The mission work is primarily outside the walls of this building.

IV. Consider The Rejoicing That Takes Place

- A. (Luke 15:7).
- B. The difference between Heaven and Hell ought to bring rejoicing.

- Conclusion:
1. The Pharisees, in derision, called Jesus a "friend of tax collectors and sinners."
 2. They were right. That's exactly what he was.
 3. What they didn't realize is that they should have been the same, and so should we.