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LUKE 15:1-2 Now the tax collectors and sinners

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

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They called them the People of the Land; and there was a complete barrier between the Pharisees and the People of the Land. The Pharisaic regulations laid it down, "When a man is one of the People of the Land, entrust no money to him, take no testimony from him, trust him with no secret,...

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...do not appoint him guardian of an orphan, do not make him the custodian of charitable funds, do not accompany him on a journey. A Pharisee was forbidden to be the guest of any such man or to have him as his guest. He was even forbidden, so far as it was possible, to have any business dealings with him...



avoid every contact with the people who did not observe the petty details of the law.

LUKE 15:3-7

So he told them this parable: "What is of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and after the one that is lost, until he fin it? And when he has found it, he lays on his shoulders, rejoicing...

... And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who

need no repentance.





For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

LUKE 15:8-10 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins,

if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'...



... Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

