



# S.E.E. THE *HEART OF GOD*

LUKE 15:1-32





# 2018 THAI CAVE RESCUE OF 12 BOYS & THEIR COACH

Their destination: the Tham Luang cave, a favourite haunt for the boys, who loved exploring the nooks and crannies of the mountain range towering over Mae Sai.



Facebook/Nopparat Kanthawong

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-44791998>





# Joy!

**THE LOST IS FOUND  
& RESCUED!**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05LHf5lzfXg>  
Thai Cave Rescue (2018) | Full Documentary | NOVA



<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-44791998>  
Families rejoice as Thai boys found



# LUKE 15



- **The charge against Jesus (v1-2)**  
... for his hospitality, table fellowship - welcoming and eating with "tax collectors and sinners"
- **The response of Jesus (v3-32)**  
Parables of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Sons





PARABLE OF

# *THE LOST SHEEP*

LUKE 15:3-7



PARABLE OF

# THE LOST COIN

LUKE 15:8-10



*Greek drachma*

*Holman Illustrated Bible Commentary, ed. E. Ray Clendenen and Jeremy Royal Howard (Broadman & Holman, 2015), 1111.*





PARABLE OF

# *THE LOST SON*

LUKE 15:11-32

*Ronald F. Youngblood. Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary : New and Enhanced Edition. New and enhanced edition. Thomas Nelson, 2014. EBSCOhost, 702.*



## COMMON THEMES IN THE THREE PARABLES

Lost sheep	Lost coin	Lost son
Lost – found	Lost - found	Lost – found
Repent	Repent	"when he came to his senses" "set out and go back"
Rejoice	Rejoice	Be Glad
Celebrate	Celebrate	Celebrate

Similar concluding application (**LUKE 15:7, 10, 32**)





*The parables were set in the context of time.  
But the truths Jesus taught transcend time.*





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Share God's Joy  
Experience God's Heart  
Extend God's Invite





# SHARE GOD'S JOY



- Rejoice with God when the "lost" is found
- Celebrate with God when the repentant turns to Him
- Be a part of this joyous reconciliation/ restoration



# EXPERIENCE *GOD'S HEART*



- His unrelenting persistence
- His unconditional love
- His uncommon grace



# EXTEND *GOD'S INVITE*



- Value the One
- Seek and welcome the lost
- The appeal is on-going

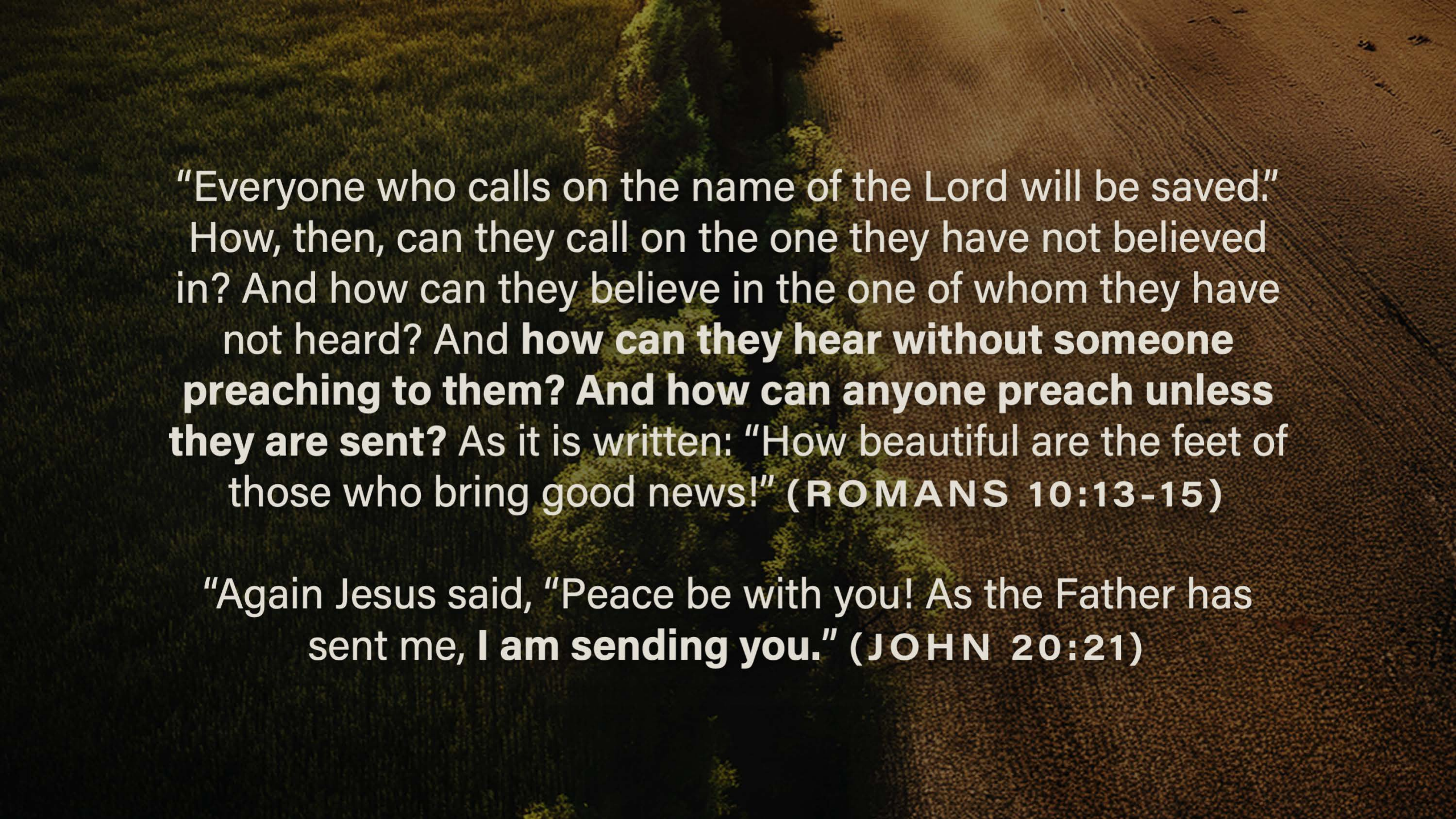


# WE NEED TO S.E.E. *THE HEART OF GOD*



- Share God's Joy
- Experience God's Heart
- Extend God's Invite



An aerial photograph showing a dense green forest on the left and a brown, textured field on the right, separated by a line of trees. The text is overlaid on the image.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."  
How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed  
in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have  
not heard? And **how can they hear without someone  
preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless  
they are sent?** As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of  
those who bring good news!" (ROMANS 10:13-15)

"Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has  
sent me, **I am sending you.**" (JOHN 20:21)