**Matthew 10:29-31,** (KJV), emphasis mine, “Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But **the very hairs of your head are all numbered.Fear ye not** therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.”

**And….**

**Luke 12: 6-7, (KJV),** emphasis mine,” Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even **the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not** therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.”

When Luke and Matthew wrote **His** gospels, they often talked about the sovereignty and concern of God Almighty. Both of these ‘FOLLOWERS OF THE MASTER’ emphasized how God cherished each individual. And, the notable, ‘non-Jewish’ New Testament writer, Luke, 'held dear' **Jesus' "love of man."** Devout Jew and “tax collector,” while Matthew’s theme emphasized **that Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah of the nation of Israel.** Christ's compassion for sinners and suffering persons, especially Samaritans, tax collectors, lepers, shepherds, and the poor, was 'front and center.' Women were also highlighted in the Lord's ministry more in Luke's writing, than in other Gospel selection. Jesus, of course, is noted for bringing “to the forefront” the importance of women in all walks of life, especially ministry! **(O.K., girls, here’s where you ‘blow kisses’ to your Savior!)**

Today, this “Worth More than Sparrows” Sunday, understand that both Matthew and Luke (real ‘insiders’ in the faith!), remind you of your great value to our Lord! After all,

“**The very hairs of your head are all numbered.**”

**Soooo….wait for it….wait for it…**

**Don’t be afraid....God’s “got your back!”**

 **“Fear not!!”**

Because “**You are** of more value than many sparrows!"

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Dear Holy Father, Luke and Matthew remind me again of how much You love me! Thank You! Let that thought permeate my day today, so that I can fight against discouragement, disillusionment, and disappointment. Keep me grounded in Your work, Your tasks, and Your biddings. Show me how to present the love and compassion of Calvary to all around me. Bring me new chances to witness and share. Forgive my misgivings and thoughtlessness, bitterness and jealousies, and selfishness and uncaring. Heal, help, and assist my friends’ hurtings. Show me how to be Your “hands and feet” in the battle of today. Protect Your people and Your city, Jerusalem, and bring soon Your perfect kingdom! I love You always. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Take a moment to consider “forever.” It’s a very long, long, long time. Is Jesus in your eternity? If not, call me….316-323-3889, and let’s discuss Jesus.**