

Parables of Jesus

PARABLE	MEANING	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
Lamp under a bowl	<i>Let the light of Jesus shine through you</i>	5:14-16	4:21-22	8:16-17; 11:33-36
Wise and foolish builders	<i>Practice the words of Jesus for firm foundation</i>	7:24-27		6:46-49
New cloth on an old garment	<i>Jesus didn't come to patch an old system but renew it</i>	9:16	2:21	5:36
New wine in old wineskins	<i>Legalistic religion can't hold living faith of Jesus</i>	9:17	2:22	5:37-38
Sower and the seeds	<i>Let God's Word take root in your life</i>	13:3-8, 18-23	4:3-8, 13-20	8:5-8, 11-15
Weeds in the field	<i>His kingdom will be weeded in the end of the age</i>	13:24-30, 36-43		
Mustard seed	<i>God's kingdom grows and knows no boundaries</i>	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19
Yeast	<i>God's kingdom will reach the entire world</i>	13:33		13:20-21
Hidden treasure	<i>God's kingdom is worth everything</i>	13:44		
Valuable pearl	<i>Nothing is more valuable than God's kingdom</i>	13:45-46		
Net of good and bad fish	<i>Angels will come to separate the good and bad</i>	13:47-50		
Owner of a house	<i>Share your godly wisdom, both old and new</i>	13:52		
Lost sheep	<i>God seeks out the lost</i>	18:12-14		15:4-7
Unmerciful servant	<i>Forgive others as God has forgiven you</i>	18:23-35		
Workers in the vineyard	<i>Believers, no matter how long, all receive eternal life</i>	20:1-16		
Two sons	<i>Promises or intentions are not the same as obedience</i>	21:28-32		
Evil tenants	<i>God will judge the religious leaders opposed to Jesus</i>	21:33-44	12:1-11	20:9-18
Wedding banquet	<i>Many are invited to the kingdom, but few are chosen</i>	22:2-14		14:16-24
Fig tree	<i>Fig tree represents Israel, he curses it for its rejection</i>	24:32-35	13:28-31	21:29-33
Faithful and wicked servant	<i>Be ready and keep watch for Christ's return</i>	24:45-51		12:42-48
Ten virgins	<i>Anticipate his return</i>	25:1-13		
Talents	<i>Do well with what you have, no matter the amount</i>	25:14-30		19:12-27
Sheep and goats	<i>Believers and nonbelievers will be separated</i>	25:31-46		
Growing seed	<i>God's kingdom grows, but harvest is coming</i>		4:26-29	
Watchful servants	<i>Be alert, Jesus is coming back</i>		13:32-37	12:35-40
Money lender	<i>Those forgiven of much, love much</i>			7:41-43
Good Samaritan	<i>Show love and mercy to all</i>			10:30-37
Friend in need	<i>God hears your prayers, go to him and ask</i>			11:5-8
Rich fool	<i>Don't hoard, be rich toward God</i>			12:16-21
Unfruitful fig tree	<i>Bear the fruit of your faith</i>			13:6-9
Lowest seat at the feast	<i>Be humble and you will be exalted</i>			14:7-14
Cost of discipleship	<i>Be willing to give up anything to follow Jesus</i>			14:28-33
Lost coin	<i>Angels rejoice over one sinner who repents</i>			15:8-10
Prodigal son	<i>Repent and return to your Father who forgives</i>			15:11-32
Shrewd manager	<i>Who can be trusted with little can be trusted with much</i>			16:1-13
Rich man and Lazarus	<i>Rich or poor does not indicate favor from God</i>			16:19-31
Master and his servant	<i>Don't be prideful in obeying God, be humble</i>			17:7-10
Persistent widow	<i>Always pray and do not give up</i>			18:2-8
Pharisee and tax collector	<i>Who exalts himself will be humbled</i>			18:9-14