

# THE PARABLES OF JESUS

<b>Parable</b>	<b>Occasion</b>	<b>Lesson Taught</b>	<b>References</b>
The speck and the log	Sermon on the Mount	Do not judge others	Mt 7:1-6; Lk 6:37-42
The two foundations	Sermon on the Mount	Build your life on a solid foundation	Mt 7:24-27; Lk 6:47-49
Children in the marketplaces	Jesus to the crowds	A fault-finding disposition is evil	Mt 11:16-19; Lk 7:32
Two debtors	Dinner with Simon the Pharisee	Much forgiveness results in much love	Lk 7:41
An unclean spirit's return	Jewish leaders demand a sign	Unbelief hardens the heart	Mt 12:43-45; Lk 11:24-26
The rich fool	Dispute of two brothers	Storing up treasures is futile	Lk 12:16-21
Barren fig tree	Report of executed Galileans	Unbelief is dangerous	Lk 13:6-9
The sower	Jesus taught from a boat	Hearers respond to preaching in various ways	Mt 13:3-8; Mk 4:3-8; Lk 8:5-8
The wheat and the weeds	Jesus taught from a boat	Good and evil will be separated at the harvest	Mt 13:24-30
The seed	Private teaching	Hearers respond to preaching in various ways	Mt 13:19-23; Mk 4:14-20; Lk 8:11-15
The mustard seed	Jesus teaching	The kingdom will start small but grow much larger	Mt 13:31-32; Mk 4:30-32; Lk 13:18-19
The yeast	Jesus teaching	The kingdom will spread throughout the world	Mt 13:33; Lk 13:20-21
Using your light	Jesus teaching	Spreading the kingdom news (or The gospel should be shared)	Mt 5:15; Mk 4:21; Lk 8:16; 11:33
The large net	Teaching the disciples	Evil people will go to hell	Mt 13:47-48
The hidden treasure	Teaching the disciples	The kingdom is valuable	Mt 13:44
The priceless pearl	Teaching the disciples	The kingdom is priceless	Mt 13:45-46
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The storehouse of truth	Teaching the disciples	Kingdom instruction includes old and new	Mt 13:52
A question about fasting	To John's disciples and the Pharisees	Christ's companionship brings joy	Mt 9:15; Mk 2:19-20; Lk 5:34-35
The patched garment	To John's disciples and the Pharisees	Christianity replaces Judaism	Mt 9:16; Mk 2:21; Lk 5:36
Wine in wineskins	To John's disciples and the Pharisees	Christianity replaces Judaism	Mt 9:17; Mk 2:22; Lk 5:37
Your adversary	Sermon on the Mount	Forgive your adversaries (or Be reconciled with God)	Mt 5:25; Lk 12:58
The unforgiving slave	Teaching the disciples	The forgiven must forgive	Mt 18:23-35
The good Samaritan	Testing Jesus	Love your neighbor	Lk 10:30-37
The three loaves	Disciples ask about prayer	Be persistent in prayer	Lk 11:5-8

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The good shepherd	Pharisees reject miracle testimony	Jesus is the only way to God	John 10:1-16
The narrow way	Jesus is questioned about who's saved	Follow the road to life	Mt 7:13-14; Lk 13:24
The guests of the banquet	Teaching on humility	Choose to be humble	Lk 14:7-11
The great banquet	Teaching the Pharisees	God invites guests; when some reject the call, others will be invited	Mt 22:2-9; Lk 14:16-23
The wedding clothes	Teaching at the temple	Necessity of purity	Mt 22:10-14
The tower	Teaching the crowds	Calculate the cost of following Jesus	Lk 14:28-30
The king going to war	Teaching the crowds	Calculate the cost of following Jesus	Lk 14:31-32
The lost sheep	Responding to Jewish leaders' intolerance	Rejoice in recovering what was lost	Mt 18:12-13; Lk 15:4-7
The lost coin	Responding to Jewish leaders' intolerance	Rejoice in recovering what was lost	Lk 15:8-9
The lost son	Responding to Jewish leaders' intolerance	Rejoice in recovering what was lost	Lk 15:11-32
The dishonest manager	Teaching the disciples	Prepare for the judgment day	Lk 16:1-8
The rich man and Lazarus	Rebuttal to the Pharisees	Value the kingdom more than money	Lk 16:19-31
The slave's duty	Teaching the apostles	Do not boast in mere obedience	Lk 17:7-10
The vineyard workers	Teaching the disciples	All believers receive the complete reward	Mt 20:1-16
The talents	Teaching the disciples	Be faithful with what you have been given	Mt 25:14-30; Lk 19:11-27
The persistent widow	Teaching the disciples	Do not be discouraged in praying	Lk 18:2-5
The Pharisee and the tax collector	Teaching the Pharisees	Self-righteousness and humility contrasted	Lk 18:10-14
The two sons	Jesus' authority challenged	Obedience is better than words	Mt 21:28
The vineyard owner	Teaching in the temple complex	Jewish unbelievers are rejected	Mt 21:33-43; Mk 12:1-9; Lk 20:9-15
The fig tree	Teaching the disciples	Signs indicate when Jesus will return	Mt 24:32; Mk 13:28; Lk 21:29-30
The homeowner and the thief	Teaching the disciples	Be prepared for Jesus' return	Mt 24:43; Lk 12:39
A man on a journey	Teaching the disciples	Be alert for Jesus' return	Mk 13:34
Comparison of two managers	Teaching the disciples	The faithful leader will be blessed	Mt 24:45-51; Lk 12:42-46
The 10 virgins	Teaching the disciples	Stay alert and prepared for Jesus' return	Mt 25:1-12
The alert people	Teaching the disciples	Those who are ready for Jesus' return will be blessed	Lk 12:36-38
The vine and the branches	Night before the cross	Jesus is the source of life	Jn 15:1-6