



PARABLES

1. List of Jesus' parables

Parable	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Candle Under a Bushel	5:14-16	4:21-22	8:16-17; 11:33-36	
A Wise Man Builds on Rock and a Foolish Man Builds on Sand	7:24-27		6:48-49	
New Cloth on an Old Garment	9:16	2:21	5:36	
New Wine in Old Bottles	9:17	2:22	5:37-38	
Sower	13:3-8, 18-23	4:3-8, 14-20	8:5-8, 11-15	
Tares (Weeds) of the Field	13:24-30, 37-43			
Mustard Seed	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19	
Leaven	13:33		13:20-21	
Treasure Hidden in a Field	13:44			
Pearl of Great Price	13:45-46			
Net Cast into the Sea	13:47-50			
Lost Sheep	18:12-14		15:4-7	
Unforgiving Servant	18:23-35			
Laborers in the Vineyard	20:1-16			
Two Sons	21:28-32			
Wicked Husbandmen	21:33-44	12:1-10	20:9-18	
Wedding Feast	22:2-14			
Fig Tree	24:32-44	13:28-33	21:29-36	
Wise and Foolish Virgins	25:1-13			
Talents	25:14-30			
Growing Seed		4:26-29		
Absent Householder		13:34-37		
Creditor and Two Debtors			7:41-43	
Good Samaritan			10:30-37	
Friend in Need			11:5-13	
Rich Fool			12:16-21	
Faithful Servants			12:35-40	
Faithful and Wise Steward and the Evil Servant			12:42-48	
Barren Fig Tree			13:6-9	
Great Supper			14:16-24	
Building a Tower and a King Making War			14:28-35	
Lost Coin			15:8-10	
Prodigal Son			15:11-32	
Unjust Steward			16:1-13	
Rich Man and Lazarus			16:19-31	
Unprofitable Servants			17:7-10	
Judge and the Widow			18:2-8	
Pharisee and the Publican			18:10-14	
Nobleman and the Servants			19:12-27	

2. Purpose of parables

- To sort the audience into righteous and wicked: Mt 13:10-17; Mk 4:10-12; Lk 8:9-10
- To reveal truth to the righteous and conceal it from the wicked: Mt 13:11
- To teach new truth to the righteous: Mt 13:17; 1 Pe 1:12
- To fulfill prophecy: Mt 13:34-35; Mk 4:33-34 (Isa 6:9-10; Ps 78:2)

3. Classification of the parables

- God's expectations for Israel
 1. Big Dinner: Lk 14:16-24
 2. Marriage Feast: Mt 22:1-14
 3. Wicked Vine-growers: Mt 21:33-46; Mk 12:1-12; Lk 20:9-19
 4. Fruitless Fig Tree: Lk 13:6-9
 5. Old & New Treasures: Mt 13:52
- Advice to Soul-Winners on Evangelism
 1. Sower: Mt 13:3-8; Mk 4:4-8; Lk 8:5-8
 2. Tares: Mt 13:24-30
 3. Mustard Seed: Mt 13:31-32; Mk 4:3-32; Lk 13:18-19
 4. Leaven: Mt 13:33; Lk 13:20-21
 5. Mystery of the Growing Seed : Mk 4:26-29
 6. Hidden Treasure: Mt 13:44
 7. Pearl of Great Price: Mt 13:44
 8. Fish Net: Mt 13:47
 9. Fruitless Fig Tree: Lk 13:6-9 repeated from section A
 10. Lost Sheep: Lk 15:3-7
 11. Lost Coin: Lk 15:8-10
 12. Lost Son (prodigal): Lk 15:11-32
- Serving God
 1. Two Foundations: Mt 7:24-27; Lk 6:47-49
 2. Pounds: Lk 19:11-27
 3. Talents: Mt 25:14-30
 4. Labourers in the Vineyard: Mt 20:1-16
 5. Two Sons: Mt 21:28-32
 6. Counting the Cost: (Tower & King) Lk 14:25-33
 7. Dishonest Steward: Lk 16:1-14
 8. Unworthy Servant: Lk 17:7-10
 9. Blind Leading Blind: Lk 6:39; Mt 15:14
 10. Good Shepherd: Jn 10:1-18
 11. Defiled Man: Mk 7:14-23; Mt 15:10-20
 12. Narrow Door: Lk 13:22-30
- Living as a Christian
 1. Love for neighbor: Good Samaritan: Lk 10:25-37
 2. Wealth: Rich Fool: Lk 12:13-21
 3. Prayer: Friend's Request at Midnight: Lk 11:5-8; Widow and Unjust Judge: Lk 18:1-8
 4. Humility: Pharisee and Publican: Lk 18:8-14

5. Forgiveness: Unmerciful Servant: Mt 18:23-25; Two Debtors: Lk 7:40-47
6. Alertness: Fig Tree: Mt 24:32-33; Watchful servants & Thief: Lk 12:35-48; Mk 13:32-37; Mt 24:42-51
7. Steadfastness: Ten Virgins: Mt 25:13
8. Proper Timing: New/old Garments & Wineskins: Mt 9:14-17; Mk 2:18-22; Lk 5:33-39

4. **The following are not parables**

- Instructions for actual conduct:
 1. Take low seat: Lk 14:7-11
 2. Feast for the poor: Lk 14:12-14
- Foretelling of future events:
 1. Sheep & Goats: Mt 25:31-46
 2. Rich man and Lazarus: Lk 16:19-31

5. **Summary**

Parables are there to reveal truth