

# The Parables of Jesus Christ

**Beloved stories  
that touch lives  
and  
shape destinies**



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## with Message Passages

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*The most informative passage for each parable is highlighted.*

	Title	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Period	Message Phrase
1-3	City on a hill, light under a bushel	5:14-16	4:21-22	8:16, 11:33		4	The Light of the World
4-5	Houses built on rock and sand	7:24-27		6:47-49		4	Build on Truth
6	New cloth in old garments	9:16	2:21	5:36		4	New Message on Old
7	New wine in old bottles	9:17	2:22	5:37-39		4	New Message on Old
8	Can the blind lead the blind?	15:14		6:39		4	Leadership Responsibilities
9	The two debtors			7:40-47		5	Mercy & Forgiveness
10	A house divided against itself	12:25-31	3:22-27	11:17-22		5	A Kingdom Divided
<b>The First Great Day of Parables (Parables 11-20)</b>							
11	The sower ( <i>Interpreted: Matt. 13:18-23</i> )	13:3-9	4:3-9	8:5-8		5	Receiving the Gospel
12	The candle under the bushel		4:21-25	8:16-18		5	Light of the World
13	The seed growing secretly		4:26-29			5	Enduring to the End
14	The wheat and the tares	13:24-43				5	Wheat & Tares
15	The mustard seed	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19		5	The Power of Faith
16	The hidden leaven	13:33				5	Seek the Kingdom
17	The hidden treasure	13:44				5	Seek the Kingdom
18	The pearl of great price	13:45-46				5	Seek the Kingdom
19	The net that gathered of every kind	13:47-50				5	Seek the Kingdom
20	The scribe instructed about the kingdom	13:51-52				5	Teach Justly
21	The bread of life				6:32-58	5	Christ Is the Bread of Life
22	The lost sheep	18:12-14		15:1-7		6	Seeking the Lost
23	The unmerciful servant	18:21-35				6	Forgiveness
24	The good shepherd				10:1-18	7	Christ Died for Us
25	The good Samaritan			10:25-37		7	Who Is My Neighbor?
26	The friend who came at midnight			11:5-8		7	Seeking and Finding
27	A stone instead of bread			11:11-13		7	God Gives Only Good Gifts

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28	A house divided			11:17-23		7	True Allegiance Required
29	Candle on a candlestick			11:33-37		7	Let Your Light Shine
30	The foolish rich man			12:13-21		7	Preparing for the Future
31	The faithful servant			12:35-48		7	Prepare for Christ's Coming
32	The barren fig tree			13:6-9		7	The Lord's Mercy
33	The mustard seed		4:3-34	13:18-19		7	The Power of Faith
34	The leaven			13:20-21		7	Prepare for Heaven

### The Second Great Day of Parables (Parables 38-47)

35	An ox in a pit			14:1-6		8	Do What's Necessary
36	The wedding feast			14:7-14		8	Humble to Be Exalted
37	The great supper			14:15-24		8	Prepare for Last Days
38	The unfinished tower			14:25-30		8	Anticipate the Costs
39	The king going to make war			14:31-33		8	Anticipate the Costs
40	Salt that has lost its savor			14:34-35		8	Don't Lose Your Value
41	The lost sheep			15:1-7		8	Everyone Has Value
42	The lost coin			15:8-10		8	Seek the Kingdom
43	The prodigal son			15:11-32		8	Father's Forgiveness
44	The unjust steward			16:1-13		8	Maintain Personal Worth
45	The rich man and Lazarus			16:19-31		8	Heed the Prophets
46	Faith like a mustard seed			17:5-6		8	Maintain Your Faith
47	The condescending master			17:7-10		8	Fulfill Responsibilities
48	The unjust judge			18:1-8		8	Persisting Faith
49	The Pharisee and the Publican			18:9-14		8	Humility
50	The camel through the eye of a needle	19:23-26	10:21-27	18:24-27		8	Don't Focus on Riches
51	The laborers in the vineyard	20:1-12				8	God's Fair Judgments
52	The pounds			19:11-27		8	Fulfill Responsibilities

### The Third Great Day of Parables (Parables 53-59)

53	The two sons who worked in the vineyard	21:28-32				9	Obedience
54	The wicked husbandmen	21:33-46	12:1-12	20:9-19		9	Preparing for God's Harvest
55	Marriage of the king's son	22:1-14				9	Describing God's Kingdom

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56	The fig tree	24:32-35	13:28-31	21:29-33		9	Signs of the Times
57	The watchful doorkeeper		13:32-37			9	Watch and Be Ready
58	The ten virgins	25:1-13				9	Preparing for Future Events
59	The talents	25:14-30				9	Maintain Accountability
60	The True Vine				15:1-10	9	Christ = vine, we = branches