

# The PARABLES of CHRIST

In the Chronological Order in which They were First Spoken (References to each Parable do not necessarily refer to the same incident)

PARABLE	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	PRINCIPAL MEANING
1. Salt 2. Light 3. CANDLE AND BUSHEL 4. Moth, Rust and Thieves 5. The Eye, clear or evil	5:13 5:14 5:15 6:19-21 6:22-23	9:49-50  4:21	14:34-35  8:16; 11:33 12:33-34 11:34-36	<b>1. ISRAEL - Heart of the Gospel</b> Israel - the Saviour of the Earth Israel - Custodians of the Word of Light Do not hide the Light in daily life Set your heart upon incorruptible things Open your eyes to clear righteousness
6. Fowls and Lilies 7. The Mote and the Beam 8. Dogs and Swine 9. Bread / Stone - Fish / Serpent	6:25-34 7:3-5 7:6 7:9-12		12:22-31 6:41-42  11:11	<b>Israel's Creator - A Father of Love</b> The Love and Omniscience of the Father-Provider Hypocrisy and injustice condemned Cast not the Holy to the profane The 'Good Things' which come from a loving Father
10. The Broad and Narrow Ways 11. Wolves 12. Trees and Fruit	7:13-14 7:15; 10:16 7:16-20		13:23-24  6:43-44	<b>Danger to Israel - the Flesh</b> The broad way to death and the narrow way to Life Beware of False Teachers By their fruits ye shall know them
13. TWO BUILDERS 14. Physician and Patient 15. Bridegroom	7:24-27 9:12 9:15	2:17 2:19	6:46-49 5:31 5:33-34	<b>A Redeemer for Israel to Overcome the Flesh</b> The Real Christ - the ecclesia's foundation Christ - the heavenly Physician to heal sinners The sons of the Bridechamber - joy and mourning
16. Patched Cloth 17. Wine Skins and New Wine	9:16 9:17	2:21 2:22	5:36 5:37-39	<b>Christ - the New Covenant</b> The Old (Mosaic) and New (Christ) Coverings The Old and New Covenants compared
18. Sheep in the Pit 19. Blind Leaders 20. Children at Play 21. Yoke of Christ	12:11-12 15:14; 23:17,24 11:16-19 11:29-30		6:39 7:31-32	<b>Israel's Problems and a Comforting Solution</b> Healing the condemned sheep False leaders will lead their disciples to condemnation To a childish mind, nothing may be right United with Christ in labour and rest
22. TWO DEBTORS 23. Strongman spoiled 24. Unoccupied House	12:22-30 12:43-45	3:22-30	7:41-43 11:14-23 11:24-26	<b>The Fight of Grace</b> Where Sin abounds, Grace does much more abound To spoil Sin, King Sin must first be spoiled The danger of the negative mind
25. SOWER 26. TARES 27. THE GROWING SEED 28. MUSTARD SEED 29. LEAVEN	13:3-9, 18-23 13:24-30, 36-43  13:31-32; 17:20 13:33	4:1-20  4:26-29 4:30-32	8:4-15  13:18-19; 17:6	<b>2. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KINGDOM</b> The planting in the heart of the Word of the Kingdom Righteous and unrighteous servants must grow together till harvest Yahweh's Word will accomplish that which He pleases The Growth of the Sinai Seed of affliction The secret growth of Apostasy in the Ecclesia

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30. HID TREASURE 31. PEARL MERCHANT 32. DRAGNET 33. Instructed Scribe 34. Harvest and Labourers 35. LOST SHEEP 36. UNFORGIVING CREDITOR	13:44 13:45-46 13:47-50 13:52 9:36-38 18:11-14 18:23-35		10:2 15:3-7	<b>The Challenge of the Call</b> 'Sell all thou hast and buy of me tried gold' Sacrificial dedication for the purpose of true beauty There are many fish in the Gospel net The Wisdom of an erudite disciple of the New Covenant Bearers of the Gospel to the World begin from Israel The Shepherd sought 'publicans and sinners' of the Israel-flock Forgiving our debtors even as our great debt has been forgiven
37. GOOD SAMARITAN 38. FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT 39. Camel and Needle's Eye 40. RICH FOOL 41. LORD WHO SERVES 42. GOODMAN OF THE HOUSE 43. FAITHFUL AND EVIL SERVANTS	19:16-30    24:42-51 24:45-51	10:23-27	10:25-37    12:41-48	<b>Living the Gospel</b> Sacrifice of self - key to redemption Yahweh hears the call of the needy more than their own friends The inhibiting nature of the worldly riches 'Make not provision for the flesh to covet' Be vigilant and watch in service - Christ the example Night IS the time for watchfulness - sleep not The greater responsibilities of ecclesial leaders
44. BARREN FIG TREE 45. Ass or Ox in the Pit 46. Lowest Place 47. Rules for Hosts 48. GREAT SUPPER 49. LOST COIN 50. LOST (PRODIGAL) SON 51. UNJUST STEWARD 52. RICH MAN AND LAZARUS 53. UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS 54. UNJUST JUDGE 55. PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN			13:6-9 14:5 14:7-11 14:12-14 14:16-21 15:8-10 15:11-32 16:1-12 16:19-31 17:7-10 18:1-8 18:9-14	<b>3. PARABOLIC REBUKE OF ISRAEL'S LEADERS - a Warning to All</b> Yahweh's mercy - waiting for Israel's repentance Pity for an animal of livelihood - but for one's brother .... ? Humble yourself that you may be exalted in due time Feed with love those who cannot return the same Gentiles shall eat at a table refused by Jews Restoring a lost member of the ecclesial household Restoring 'publicans and sinners' to the Hope of Israel He that is faithful over little will be entrusted with much He that rejects Moses and the Prophets will never believe Christ The righteous Spirit of Yahweh's humble and imperfect Servants Have faith in prayer - the Lord will avenge the elect Acknowledgement of unrighteousness; the pathway to righteousness
56. LABOURERS IN THE VINEYARD 57. THE POUNDS 58. THE FIG TREE, WITHERED & BUDDING 59. THE TWO SONS 60. WICKED HUSBANDMEN 61. The Rejected Stone 62. MARRIAGE FEAST 63. The Gnat and the Camel	20:1-16 21:18-22; 24:32-35 21:28-32 21:33-41 21:42 22:1-14 23:23-24	11:12-24; 12:28-29	19:12-27 21:29-31 20:9-18 20:17	<b>The Problem of Judaism</b> The Divine Prerogative of Salvation - unquestioned by man The Lord tests his servants - beware of Judaism Israel - cursed and blessed Reluctant obedience is better than hypocritical promptness Judgment on Israel - Gentiles to become custodians of the Kingdom Christ - the foundation stone of offence Many shall be called but few chosen Preoccupation with trivia and ignoring basic Truths
64. ABSENT HOUSEHOLDER 65. TEN VIRGINS 66. THE TALENTS 67. Sheep and Goats	25:1-13 25:14-30 25:31-46	13:33-37		<b>4. PARABLES OF JUDGMENT</b> Watching for the Master of the House - through prayer and study Preparing for the Bridegroom by continuing in the Oil of the Word Labour in the Word - a requirement for the meanest capacity At the Judgment Seat - Separating the Stubborn from the Submissive