

Parables of Jesus

Light and Fire	Lamp hidden (lamp under bushel) Matt.5:14-16; Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16, 11:33
	Fire and baptism Luke 12:49-50
	The Light of the world John 8:12, 9:5, 12:35, 46
	Sons of light John 12:36
	Working and walking in the day John 9:4, 11:9-10
Seed	Sower and soils Matt.13:3-23; Mark 4:3-20; Luke 8:4-15
	Wheat and tares Matt.13:24-30, v36-43
	Mustard seed (becomes big tree) Matt.13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19
	Mustard seed (faith) Matt.17:20; Luke 17:6
	Growth of the sown seed (seedtime and harvest) Mark 4:26-29
	Grain of wheat germinating (Jesus' death and resurrection) John 12:24
Harvest and Vineyard	Harvest and labourers Matt.9:36-38; Luke 10:2
	Vineyard workers Matt.20:1-16
	Wicked vineyard labourers (Israel's religious leaders) Matt.21:33-41; Mark 12:1-9; Luke 20:9-16
	White Harvest, sowers and reapers John 4:35-38
	The True Vine and the branches John 15:1-8
Trees and Fruit	Trees, fruit Matt.7:16-20; Luke 6:43-44
	Fig tree withered (faith to move mountains) Matt.21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, v20-24
	Fig tree budding (Israel) Matt.24:32-33; Mark 13:28-29; Luke 21:29-31
	Fig tree not bearing fruit (cut down) Luke 13:6-9
	Green wood, dry wood (the last recorded parable before Jesus' crucifixion) Luke 23:31
Birds	Birds and lilies (God provides, do not worry) Matt.6:25-34; Luke 12:22-31
	Wise serpents, harmless doves Matt. 10:16
	Hen and chickens (Jerusalem) Matt.23:37
	Eagles gathered (the "Armageddon" period) Matt.24:28; Luke 17:37
Animal Husbandry	Sheep among wolves Matt. 10:16; Luke 10:3
	Yoke Matt.11:29-30
	Sheep, ox, in pit (on the Sabbath) (also boy in pit, Diag. Luke 14:5) Matt.12:11-12; Luke 14:5
	Drag net (the good retained, the bad disposed of) Matt.13:47-50
	Lost sheep Matt.18:12-14; Luke 15:3-7
	Sheep and goats Matt.25:31-46
The Good Shepherd (Door of the sheep) John 10:1-16, 26-29	
Food Drink Clothing	Salt losing flavour (seasoned with fire, salt) Matt.5:13; Mark 9:49-50; Luke 14:34-35
	Good measure (generosity) Matt.7:2; Mark 4:24; Luke 6:38
	Bread, fish, egg (keep asking) Matt.7:9-11; Luke 11:11-13
	New cloth, old garment; New wine, old wine Matt.9:16-17; Mark 2:21-22; Luke 5:36-39
	Leaven (yeast, a symbol of the spreading message of the Kingdom) Matt.13:33; Luke 13:20-21
	That which defiles a man Mark 7:14-15
	Living water (fountain of everlasting life) John 4:14, 7:38
	Meat that endures (spiritual food and doing God's will) John 4:32, 34, 6:27
Living bread John 6:50-58	
Money Riches Treasure	Earthly treasure, heavenly treasure Matt.6:19-21; Luke 12:33-34
	Pearls before swine Matt.7:6
	Treasure of the heart Matt.12:35; Luke 6:45
	Hidden treasure (found in a field) Matt.13:44
	Pearl of great value Matt.13:45-46
	Household treasure, new and old Matt.13:52
	Two debtors Luke 7:41-43
	Rich fool (new barn builder) Luke 12:16-21
	Lost coin (repentance) Luke 15:8-10
	Rich man and Lazarus Luke 16:19-31
The minas (pounds) Luke 19:11-27	
Home City Highway	Broad way, narrow way Matt.7:13-14; Luke 13:23-24
	Homes on rock and sand Matt.7:24-27; Luke 6:46-49
	A house divided (strong man spoiled) Matt.12:22-30; Mark 3:22-27; Luke 11:14-23
	Unoccupied house Matt.12:43-45; Luke 11:24-26
	Camel through eye of the needle Matt.19:24; Mark 10:25; Luke 18:25
	Stone the builders rejected Matt.21:42-44; Mark 12:10-11; Luke 20:17-18
	Master of the house (watching) Matt.24:43-44; Mark 13:34-37; Luke 12:39-40
	Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-37
	The Master's house (knocking at the closed door) Luke 13:25-27
	Tower builder, king going to war (counting the cost) Luke 14:28-33
The unjust city judge (pray without losing heart) Luke 18:1-8	

Parables of Jesus (continued)

Human Body Parts	Removing body parts (not literally) Matt.5:29-30, 18:8-9; Mark 9:43-48
	Eye as light of the body Matt.6:22-23; Luke 11:34-36
	Beam (plank) in your eye (speck in your brother's eye) Matt.7:3-5; Luke 6:41-42
Family and Friends	Dead burying the dead (allegiance test) Matt.8:19-22; Luke 9:57-62
	Children in the marketplace Matt.11:16-17; Luke 7:31-32
	Children's bread and dogs (the Syro-Phoenician woman) Matt.15:22-28; Mark 7:24-30
	Father and two sons (repentance) Matt.21:28-31
	Friend in need at midnight Luke 11:5-8
The prodigal son Luke 15:11-32	
Servants	Unforgiving servant (creditor) Matt.18:23-35
	Faithful and evil servant (steward) Matt.24:45-51; Luke 12:41-48
	Good servants, wicked servants (talents) Matt.25:14-30
	Servants and watchful doorkeeper ("I say to all, watch") Mark 13:34
	Alert servants (the Lord who serves) Luke 12:35-40
	Dishonest steward Luke 16:1-8
	Master (farmer) and servant (we have only done our duty) Luke 17:7-10
	Slave and son John 8:35
Weddings and Feasts	Friends of the Bridegroom (Jesus) Matt.9:15; Mark 2:19-20; Luke 5:33-35
	Wedding feast for the king's son (man without wedding garment) Matt.22:2-14
	Ten bridesmaids (wise and foolish virgins) Matt.25:1-13
	Wedding feast positions (accepting the lowest place) Luke 14:7-11
	The great banquet (excuses for non-attendance) Luke 14:16-24
Practical Disciples	Physician and patient (sinners to repentance) Matt.9:12; Mark 2:17; Luke 5:31-32
	Take up the cross Matt.10:38, 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23, 14:27
	Saving or losing one's life (way of life) Matt.10:39, 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 17:33
Religious Leadership	Wolves in sheep's clothing (false prophets) Matt.7:15, 10:16
	Blind leaders (spiritual plants, blind guides, mouth and heart) Matt.15:10-16; Luke 6:39
	Gnat and camel, cup and dish, whitewashed tombs Matt.23:23-28
	Unmarked graves (Scribes and Pharisees) Luke 11:44
	Pharisee and tax collector Luke 18:9-14

Old Testament Parables

Trees	Trees choosing a king Judges 9:7-15
	Thistle and cedar 2 Kings 14:9; 2 Chron.25:18
	Almond tree branch and boiling pot Jer.1:11-16
	The majestic cedar grown from a tender shoot Ezek.17:22-24
	The great cedar of Lebanon (Egypt cut down) Ezek.ch31
Vines	Vine and vineyard (house of Israel) Psa.80:8-16; Isa.5:1-7
	The outcast vine (inhabitants of Jerusalem) Ezek.ch15
	The eagles and the vine, Vine of Israel Ezek.17:1-10 and Ezek.19:10-14
Husbandry	The little ewe lamb 2 Sam.12:1-4
	The plowman (following God's instructions) Isa.28:23-29
	Shepherds of Israel Jer.25:34-38; Ezek.ch34
Food Drink	Wells of salvation (compare John 4:14, 7:38) Isa.12:3
	Everyone who thirsts, Snow waters Isa.55:1-2; Jer.18:14
	Two baskets of figs Jer.ch24
	The cooking pot Ezek.24:3-14
Enacted Parables	Naked and barefoot Isa.ch20
	The linen sash Jer.13:1-11
	The potter and clay Jer.18:1-11
	The broken earthen flask Jer.ch19
	Bonds and yokes Jer.ch27
	Buying the field Jer.32:6-15
	The siege of Jerusalem portrayed Ezek.ch4
	The barber's razor Ezek.5:1-4
	Captivity portrayed Ezek.ch12
	The plumb line Amos 7:7-9
Other Parables	The widow of Tekoa (the words of Joab) 2 Sam.14:1-11
	The escaped captive 1 Kings 20:39-40
	Who is this from Edom (Adam?) (Jesus' first and second advents in parable) Isa.63:1-6
	Lioness and cubs Ezek.19:2-9
	The two harlot sisters and Israel's harlotries Ezek.ch23; Hos.ch2