

Lesson 6
Jesus' Parables
The Four Gospels

Read selected Scriptures to answer the following:

1. When Jesus taught from the ship, what did He teach them by? (Mark 4:1-2)_____

We often refer to a Parable as “earthly stories with heavenly meanings”

Parable means “*to compare by placing side by side. There were two purposes to Jesus’ parables:*

1) to reveal truth to His disciples and 2) to veil the truth from those Jesus knew would not believe even if they understood the meaning.”

2. What happened in the parable found in Mark 4:3-9?_____

How did Jesus end it?_____

3. When the disciples asked why Jesus taught in parables, what did He tell them? (Matthew 13:10-11, 13, 16-17)_____

Because the lost world does not understand the things of God, think of it as a “riddle” or “secret code” for Christians to understand Jesus’ teachings and grow in their faith.

4. Why is the parable of the “sower and the seed” so important? (Mark 4:13-20)_____
- What is the seed?_____

How many grew, producing fruit?_____

5. In John 10:1-18, Jesus taught He was two different things. What were they?_____

What was the importance of each?_____

6. What was the lawyer’s question?(Luke 10:25-28) _____

What did Jesus tell him?_____ But what else did the lawyer question?_____

What did Jesus tell about in Luke 10:30-37?_____

What did Jesus tell the lawyer to do?_____

7. What was lost? In Luke 15:1-7:_____ In Luke 15:8-10:_____
- and in Luke 15:11-32:_____ Did the son truly repent?_____

8. Tell about the parable in Luke 18:9-14:_____

What did Jesus want the people to understand?_____

Answers:

1. Parables;

2. A sower sowed seed: some fell by the wayside and fowls devoured it, some fell on stony ground, grew quickly but the sun scorched it and it withered for lack of root, some fell into thorns and choked it so it yielded no fruit, other fell on good ground producing fruit; “He that hath ears to hear, let him hear”;

3. Because it was given unto Believers to understand and for others, “because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand”;

4. If they did not understand this simpler parable, how would they be able to understand ones that are more difficult?; God’s Word; those who heard God’s Word and received it;

5. The Shepherd of the sheep and the Door of the sheep; the sheep know the voice of the true Shepherd and the Door is the only way to enter the sheepfold;

6. “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?”; to do what the Law teaches to do; who is my neighbor?; the Good Samaritan and how he took care of the man that no one else would take care of which revealed that the neighbor was the one that showed mercy on the injured man; the lawyer was to go and do likewise;

7. a sheep; a coin; a son; yes

8. A proud Pharisee declared how righteous he was in his prayer, while the publican smote his breast asking God to be merciful him because he was a sinner. Jesus declared he was justified more than the Pharisee; “for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted”