

LESSON 15

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Jesus' Parables

Directions: Match the parables listed on the left with their identification or interpretation from the paragraphs on the right.

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| _____ 1. Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus
Lk 16:19-31 | A. This parable upsets our expectations of strict fairness at the final judgment. All who respond to the call of Jesus, whether early in life or late, will inherit the kingdom. It is a pure gift of God and cannot be earned. |
| _____ 2. Parable of the Sower and the Seed
Mt 13:1-13
Mk 4:1-12
Lk 8:4-10 | B. Refers to the reception given to the revelation of God. Some accept it, while others do not. |
| _____ 3. Weeds Among the Wheat
Mt 13:24-30 | C. We should not be found unprepared for Jesus' return. |
| _____ 4. The Mustard Seed
Mt 13:31-32
Mk 4:30-32
Lk 13:18-19 | D. This incredible story of a father's forgiveness to his wayward son illustrates Jesus' concern for the lost, and God's love for the repentant sinner. |
| _____ 5. Workers in the Vineyard
Mt 20:1-16 | E. Supposedly the first parable Jesus told and the central thought on which the Sermon on the Mount was based. Since new wine is still fermenting and expanding, it would put too much pressure on old wineskins. It means that the inflexibility of traditional systems can hardly adapt to the freedom of Jesus' new way. |
| _____ 6. Prodigal Son
Lk 15:11-32 | F. Speaks of the dangers of putting our trust in our possessions, instead of recognizing our complete dependence upon God. |
| _____ 7. I Am the Vine
Jn 15:1-8 | G. The reversal of fates between this world and the next. |
| _____ 8. New Wine in Old Wineskins
Mk 2:21-22 | H. A warning to the disciples of Jesus not to anticipate the final judgment of God by excluding sinners. |
| _____ 9. The Ten Virgins
Mt 25:1-13 | I. An attempted explanation for the seeming slowness and insignificant results of the ministry of Jesus in Galilee. |
| _____ 10. The Rich Fool
Lk 12:16-21 | J. Union with Jesus is necessary for fruitfulness. This is the closest thing to a parable in this gospel. |