Parables of Jesus

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- [ ] The Wise and Foolish Builders
  Reference: Matthew 7:24–27; Luke 6:46–49

  Hearing Jesus' words must be joined to acting on them.
- [ ] The Sower
  Reference: Matthew 13:1–23; Mark 4:1–20; Luke 8:4–15

  Different soils illustrate different responses to the word.
- [ ] The Weeds Among the Wheat
  Reference: Matthew 13:24–30,36–43

  Good seed and weeds grow together until the harvest.
- [ ] The Mustard Seed
  Reference: Matthew 13:31–32; Mark 4:30–32; Luke 13:18–19

  Something small grows into something extensive.
- [ ] The Leaven
  Reference: Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:20–21

  The kingdom is compared with leaven working through dough.
- [ ] The Hidden Treasure
  Reference: Matthew 13:44

  A valuable discovery changes a person's priorities.
- [ ] The Pearl of Great Value
  Reference: Matthew 13:45–46

  A merchant parts with everything for a valuable pearl.
- [ ] The Net
  Reference: Matthew 13:47–50

  A fishing net gathers different fish for a final sorting.
- [ ] The Growing Seed
  Reference: Mark 4:26–29

  Seed grows quietly while the sower waits for harvest.
- [ ] The Lamp on a Stand
  Reference: Mark 4:21–25; Luke 8:16–18

  Light is meant to be seen rather than hidden.
- [ ] The Two Debtors
  Reference: Luke 7:41–43

  Two debtors receive forgiveness and respond with different degrees of love.
- [ ] The Good Samaritan
  Reference: Luke 10:25–37

  A traveler helps an injured stranger when others pass by.
- [ ] The Friend at Midnight
  Reference: Luke 11:5–8

  A neighbor's persistent request illustrates bold asking.

- [ ] The Rich Fool
  Reference: Luke 12:16–21

  A wealthy man stores up goods without considering his mortality.
- [ ] The Watchful Servants
  Reference: Luke 12:35–40

  Servants remain ready for their master's return.
- [ ] The Faithful and Unfaithful Servant
  Reference: Matthew 24:45–51; Luke 12:42–48

  A steward is evaluated for faithfulness during the master's absence.
- [ ] The Barren Fig Tree
  Reference: Luke 13:6–9

  A fig tree receives more time to bear fruit.
- [ ] The Great Banquet
  Reference: Luke 14:15–24; compare Matthew 22:1–14

  Guests refuse an invitation, and others are welcomed. Matthew's wedding feast is a related but differently framed account.
- [ ] The Tower Builder and the King Going to War
  Reference: Luke 14:28–33

  Two planning images illustrate counting the cost.
- [ ] The Lost Sheep
  Reference: Matthew 18:12–14; Luke 15:3–7

  A shepherd searches for one lost sheep.
- [ ] The Lost Coin
  Reference: Luke 15:8–10

  A woman searches carefully for a missing coin.
- [ ] The Prodigal Son
  Reference: Luke 15:11–32

  A father welcomes a returning son while the elder son objects.
- [ ] The Shrewd Manager
  Reference: Luke 16:1–13

  A manager responds to approaching dismissal, raising questions of loyalty and resources.
- [ ] The Rich Man and Lazarus
  Reference: Luke 16:19–31

  A reversal of fortunes exposes indifference to a suffering neighbor.
- [ ] The Persistent Widow
  Reference: Luke 18:1–8

  A widow persists in seeking justice from a reluctant judge.
- [ ] The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
  Reference: Luke 18:9–14

  Two worshippers pray with contrasting attitudes.
- [ ] The Unforgiving Servant
  Reference: Matthew 18:21–35

  A forgiven servant refuses to extend mercy to another.

- [ ] The Workers in the Vineyard
  Reference: Matthew 20:1–16

  Workers hired at different times receive the same payment.
- [ ] The Two Sons
  Reference: Matthew 21:28–32

  Two sons' words differ from their actions.
- [ ] The Wicked Tenants
  Reference: Matthew 21:33–46; Mark 12:1–12; Luke 20:9–19

  Tenants reject the owner and his messengers.
- [ ] The Wedding Banquet
  Reference: Matthew 22:1–14

  A royal wedding invitation is refused and extended broadly, with a warning at the end.
- [ ] The Ten Virgins
  Reference: Matthew 25:1–13

  Bridesmaids differ in their preparedness for the bridegroom.
- [ ] The Talents
  Reference: Matthew 25:14–30

  Servants are entrusted with resources and later give account.
- [ ] The Minas
  Reference: Luke 19:11–27

  A nobleman entrusts money to servants while departing; distinct from Matthew's talents.
- [ ] The Sheep and the Goats
  Reference: Matthew 25:31–46

  A judgment scene focuses on treatment of those in need.
- [ ] The Unworthy Servants
  Reference: Luke 17:7–10

  A servant's duty does not create an entitlement to praise.
- [ ] The Master and the Thief
  Reference: Matthew 24:43–44; Luke 12:39–40

  The unexpected visit of a thief illustrates watchfulness.