

Parables of Jesus

In the gospels, the Greek word *parabole* is used for various literary forms. So not all Bible scholars would classify every item listed below (for example the first four) as true parables. John's gospel does not contain any parables in the traditional sense. But it has other kinds of figurative speech called *paroimia* in Greek, for example "The parable of the sheepfold" (John 10:1–6).

Parable	Matthew	Mark	Luke
Lamp under a basket	5:14–15	4:21–22	8:16; 11:33
Wise and foolish builders	7:24–27		6:47–49
Unshrunk cloth on old garment	9:16	2:21	5:36
New wine in old wineskin	9:17	2:22	5:37–38
The sower	13:1–9, 18–23	4:1–9, 13–20	8:4–8, 11–15
The weeds	13:24–30, 36–43		
The mustard seed	13:31–32	4:30–32	13:18–19
The yeast	13:33		13:20–21
The hidden treasure	13:44		
The valuable pearl	13:45–46		
The net	13:47–50		
Owner of a house	13:52		
The lost sheep	18:10–14		15:3–7
The wicked servant	18:23–35		
The vineyard labourers	20:1–16		
The two sons	21:28–32		
The tenants	21:33–44	12:1–11	20:9–18
The marriage feast	22:1–14		
The fig tree	24:32–35	13:28–29	21:29–31
The faithful and wise servant	24:45–51		12:42–48
The ten virgins	25:1–13		
The talents (minas)	25:14–30		19:11–27
The sheep and the goats	25:31–46		
The growing seed		4:26–29	
The watchful servants		13:35–37	12:35–40

The moneylender			7:41–43
The good Samaritan			10:29–37
Friend in need			11:5–8
The rich fool			12:16–21
The fruitless fig tree			13:6–9
The seat at the wedding			14:7–14
The great dinner			14:16–24
The cost of discipleship			14:28–33
The lost coin			15:8–10
The lost son			15:11–32
The dishonest manager			16:1–9
The rich man and Lazarus			16:19–31
Master and his servant			17:7–10
The widow and the judge			18:1–8
The Pharisee and the tax collector			18:9–14