

The Parable of the Wineskins



Luke 5:34-39, Matthew 9:14-17, Mark 2:18-22

○ **Review Lessons Taught:**

- **In Matthew 13:10, Jesus began using parables to teach about the kingdom of heaven. His disciples noticed the change in His method of teaching, and asked Him the question, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”**
- **According to Mark 4:34, “Jesus did not say anything to them without using a parable and when He was alone with His disciples He would explain what He meant.”**
- **Purpose: to assist us in growing in our understanding by exploring these divine truths found in Christ’s teaching. To teach us what they mean and how they relate to our present and future life in Christ Jesus.**
- **Goal: to allow the Holy Spirit speak to our hearts and draw us closer to Jesus Christ.**

1. What is a parable?

- **It is a simple yet powerful story that Jesus used to illustrate a great truth. Jesus used parables to help His followers understand spiritual truths.**
- **The word “parable” is taken from the Greek word that literally means to cast or throw alongside.**
- **Parables were stories that were “cast or thrown” alongside a truth in order to illustrate a divine truth.**

2. The Parable of the Sower. (Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23)

3. The Parable of the Wheat and The Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30)

4. The Parable of the Mustard Seed. (Matthew 13:31-32)

5. The Parable of the Leaven (Matthew 13:33, Luke 13:20-21)

6. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13:44)

7. The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price” (Matthew 13:45-46)

8. The Parable of the Dragnet

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- There are a series of events that take place leading up to this parable that attracted the attention of: (Luke 5:1-35)
 1. The disciples who were called.
 2. The multitude of people.
 3. The religious leaders of Jesus' day.

- Jesus was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee and a great multitude of people began to gather near Him to hear the Word of God. (Luke 4:44)
 1. The calling of Jesus' disciples. (Luke 5:1-11)
 2. Jesus heals a man full of leprosy. (vs. 12-14)
 3. Jesus withdrew into the wilderness to pray. (vs. 15-16)
 4. Jesus is teaching and in attendance were Pharisees and teachers of the law. They were about to witness a miracle. Yet their hearts remained closed toward Jesus. (vs. 17-20)
 5. Jesus knew the thoughts of the scribes and Pharisees as they spoke among themselves accusing Him of blasphemy. (vs. 21-22)
 6. Jesus reveals His Divine Authority to forgive sins and heal all infirmities. (vs. 23-26)
 7. Jesus called a tax collector to become one of His disciples. (vs. 27-28)
 8. Jesus who is the Great Physician who can heal mankind of both physical and spiritual sickness called sin. (vs. 29-32, Isaiah 53:5)

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2. Notice it was John the Baptist's disciples who asked Jesus the question, "Why is it that we fast and pray and your disciples don't?" (Matthew 9:14, Luke 5:33)
 - a. John's disciples also fasted and prayed regularly which was highly respected and practiced among them.
 - b. Prayer and fasting were very common duties and practices among the religious leaders of Jesus' day.
 - According to Luke 18:12, the Pharisees fasted at least twice a week.
 - According to Matthew 6:5-8, 16-18, Jesus calls them hypocrites and self-righteous.
3. Jesus gives an explanation to their question. (Matthew 9:15, Luke 5:34-35)
 - a. Jesus tell John's disciples that the need for them to fast is not needed right now. Why? There are two reasons.
 - 1) Jesus was still with them.
 - 2) Jesus was aware that His time with His disciples would come to an end and the need to fast and pray will become a necessity for their lives.
 - b. Jesus calls Himself the Bridegroom. The Church (the Body of Christ) is the Bride of Christ. (Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 4:15-16)
 - 1) Jesus is clearly making them aware that one day He will no longer be with them – "The Bridegroom will be taken from them and at that day and time they would fast and pray." (Acts 1:4-15, 2:1-4, 5-8, 12-21)
 - 2) Jesus has already fulfilled His mission here on earth. He has ascended into heaven and is seated on His heavenly throne. He is interceding on our behalf. (Romans 8:34)
 - 3) The Holy Spirit is now actively working in, upon and through the lives of every true believer and disciple of Jesus Christ. (John 14:16-18, 26, 15:26, 16:7, 13)