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The Kingdom is Coming

- The first words of Jesus' public ministry:
 - "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15)
- Jesus speaks of the Kingdom:
 - 36 times in Matthew
 - 14 times in Mark
 - 32 times in Luke
- Parables: "the Kingdom of heaven is like..."
 - mustard seed, leaven, a treasure, a merchant, a net, a householder, a man going on a journey, etc.
- The Kingdom is both present and future
- Requirement: REPENTANCE (change of mind)



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Jesus Speaks of God

- Jesus refers to God as “Father” as “Abba” which is equivalent to Papa or Daddy.
- Jesus speaks of the Father in intimate terms, with affection
- Jesus teaches us to pray, “Our Father...”
- *THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT GOD IS A MAN. IT IS AN IMAGE TO HELP US KNOW THAT WE TOO ARE LOVED INTIMATELY AND CAN THINK OF GOD AS A LOVING PARENT.



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Jesus Teaches

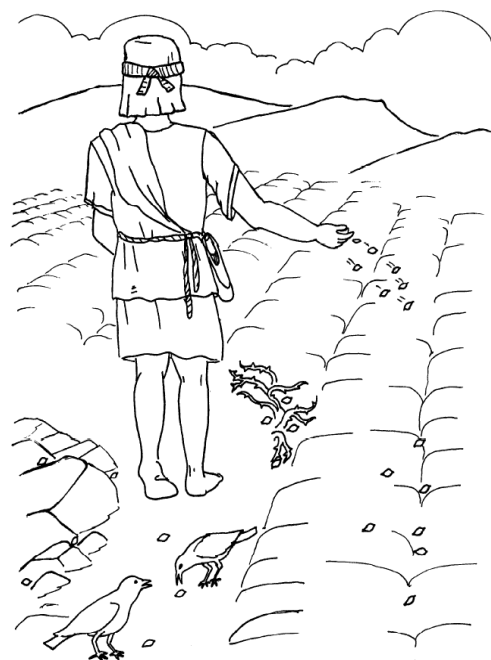
- Jesus is referred to as “teacher” more than any other title in the Gospels.
- Typical rabbis quoted other famous rabbis to support their message. Jesus spoke from his own authority: “Amen, I say to you...”
- Love of God and love of neighbor are central to his teaching.
- Jesus sometimes taught using sermons
- Jesus’ main teaching tool: *parables*



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Jesus' Parables

- Short, memorable stories
- Used images familiar to people of his time (fishing, shepherding, farming, etc.)
- Invite/challenge the hearer to SEE DIFFERENTLY
- Themes:
 - Assurance of the approach of the Kingdom
 - The presence of the kingdom
 - God's mercy
 - God's judgment
 - The need for immediate response
 - Conditions for discipleship
 - The Passion
 - The end of the world



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Parable	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Alert servants		13:33-37		
Barren fig tree			13:6-9	
Bread of life				6:31-38
Budding fig tree	24:32-35	13:28-32	21:29-33	
Children in market	11:16-19		7:31-35	
Christian light	5:14-16	4:21-23	8:16-18	
Dinner guests			14:15-24	
Divided kingdom	12:24-30	3:22-27	11:14-23	
Feast invitations			14:12-14	
Friend at midnight			11:5-13	
Good Samaritan			10:25-37	
Good shepherd				10:1-18
Great physician	9:10-13	2:15-17	5:29-32	
Grooms attendants	9:14-15	2:18-20	5:33-35	
Growing seed		4:26-29		
Hidden treasure	13:44			
Householder	13:52			
Humbled guest			14:7-11	
King's war plans			14:31-33	
Laborers in vineyard	20:1-16			
Landowner	21:33-46	12:1-12	20:9-18	
Leaven	13:33		13:20-21	
Lost coin			15:8-10	
Lost sheep			15:4-7	
Marriage feast	22:1-14			
Mustard seed	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19	
Net of fish	13:47-50			
New cloth	9:16	2:21	5:36	
New wine	9:17	2:22	5:37-39	
Pearl of great price	13:45-46			
Pharisee and tax collector			18:9-14	
Prodigal son			15:11-32	
Rich man & Lazarus			16:19-31	
Rich fool			12:16-21	
Salt without taste	5:13	9:50	14:34-35	
Servant's duty			17:7-10	
Sheep and goats	25:31-46			
Sign of Jonah	12:38-42		11:29-32	
Tares in field (part 1)	13:24-30			
Tares in field (part 2)	13:36-43			
Ten Minas			19:11-27	
Ten talents	25:14-30			
Ten virgins	25:1-13			
The Sower (part 1)	13:3-9	4:3-20	8:4-15	
The Sower (part 2)	13:18-23			
Two debtors			7:41-43	
Two sons	21:28-32			
Unclean spirit	12:43-45		11:24-26	
Unjust judge			18:1-8	
Unjust steward			16:1-13	
Unmerciful servant	18:21-35			
Unprepared builder			14:28-30	
Vine and branches				15:1-17
Watching servants			12:35-40	
Wise builder	7:24-27		6:47-49	
Wise servant	24:45-51			
Wise steward			12:42-48	

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Sermons of Jesus Christ

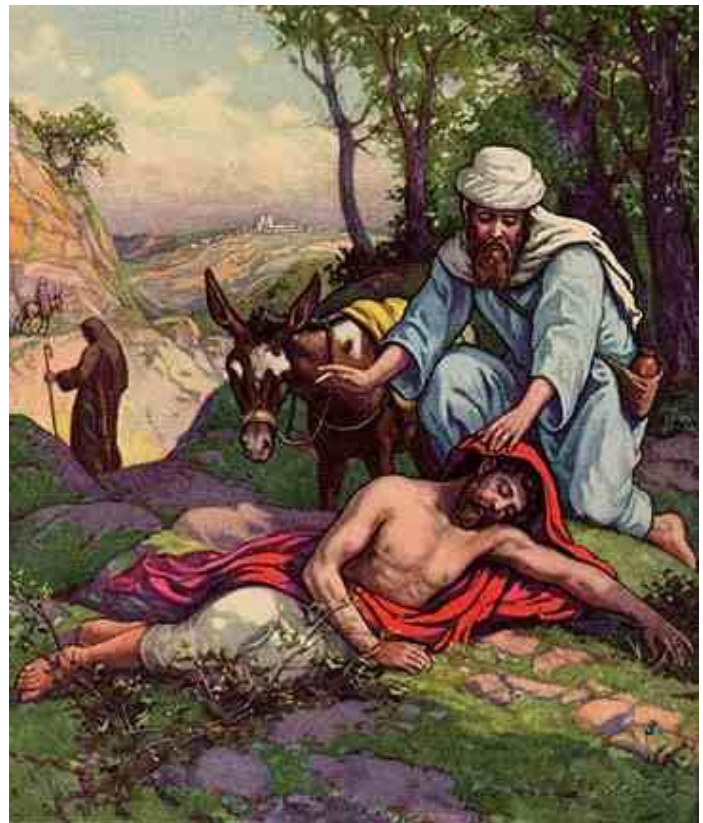
Matthew		
Sermon/Discourse	Matthew	Related Teachings
Sermon on the mount	5:1 - 7:29	Luke 6:17-49
The 12 commissioned	10:1-42	Mark 6:6-13
About John the Baptist	11:2-30	Luke 7:18-35
A house divided	12:22-50	Mark 3:20-30
Parables by the sea	13:1-53	Luke 8:4-21
Kingdom greatness	18:1-35	Mark 9:33-50
Authority of Christ	21:23-22:14	Luke 20:1-19
Woes to leaders	23:1-39	Mark 12:38-40
The end of time	24:1-26:2	Mark 13:1-37
Upper room discourse	26:26-35	John 13:1-17:26
Mark		
Sermon/Discourse	Mark	Related Teachings
Parables by the sea	4:1-34	Matthew 13:1-53
Traditions of men	7:1-23	Matthew 15:1-20
Warnings	9:30-50	Matthew 18:1-35
Concerning divorce	10:1-12	Matthew 19:1-12
Return of Christ	13:1-37	Luke 21:5-36
Luke		
Sermon/Discourse	Luke	Related Teachings
Sermon on the plain	6:17 - 7:1	Matthew 5:1 - 7:29
About John the Baptist	7:18-35	Matthew 11:2-30
Parables by the sea	8:4-21	Matthew 13:1-53
Seventy sent	10:1-24	Matthew 10:1-42
How to pray	11:1-13	Matthew 6:5-15
A house divided	11:14-36	Mark 3:2-31
Pharisees rebuked	11:37-54	Mark 7:1-23
God cares	12:1-13:9	Matthew 10:5-33
Discipleship	14:25-35	Matthew 10:34-42
The lost parables	15:1-16:31	John 9:35 - 10:21
The second coming	17:20-37	Matthew 24:32-51
Parables on prayer	18:1-14	Luke 11:1-13
The end of time	21:5-36	Matthew 24:1-26:2
John		
Sermon/Discourse	John	Related Teachings
Meets Nicodemus	3:1-21	Romans 6:1-14
Woman at the well	4:5-38	Colossians 3:16
His equality with God	5:17-47	Matthew 28:18-20
Bread of Heaven	6:26-58	John 8:12-59
Light of the world	8:12-59	John 6:26-58
The good shepherd	9:35-10:21	Luke 15:1-10
Son of God	10:22-39	Matthew 25:31-46
Upper room discourse	13:1-17:26	Matthew 26:26-35

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An Example of a Parable

Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. By chance a certain priest was going down that way. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he traveled, came where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion, came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, and gave them to the host, and said to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will repay you when I return.' Now which of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?" He said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:30-37



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Jesus Teaches by Example

- Jesus taught through his own actions such as at the Last Supper when he washed the feet of his disciples.



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Miracles

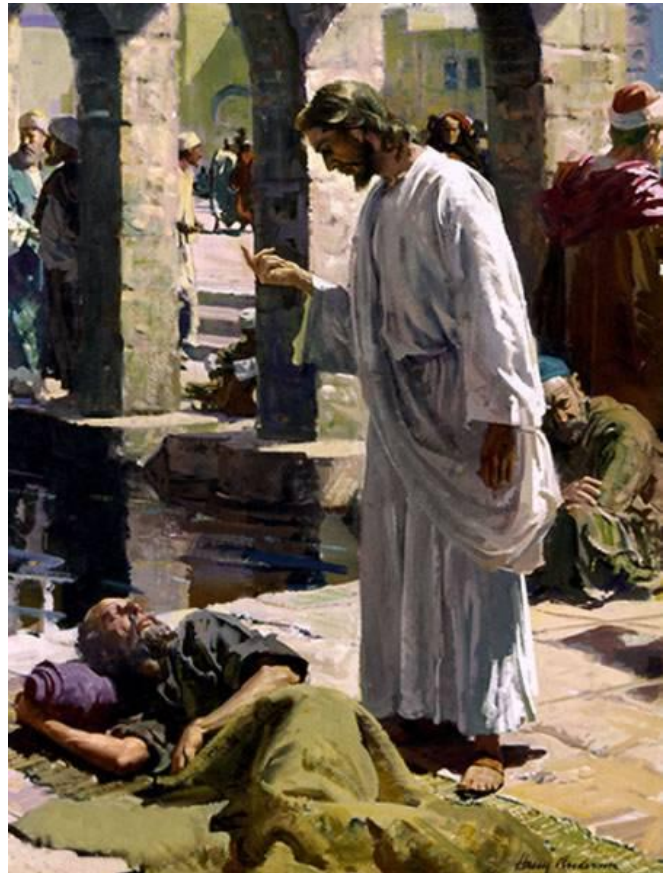
- Miracles were seen as visible examples of God's control over the world.
- Miracles provoked awe, reverence, fear. Miracles were signs of God's victory over evil.
- Miracles were signs of the presence and power of the Kingdom of God.
- Jesus' miracles reveal the power of God.



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Miracles of Healing

- Those who were ill were often pushed to the edge of society = outcasts.
- Sickness often was seen as a consequence of personal sin (or inherited sin).
- Jesus heals with compassion, love, and mercy.
- Examples of Jesus' healings:
 - Fever
 - Leprosy
 - Chronic Bleeding
 - Withered hands
 - Dropsy
 - Deafness
 - Blindness
 - Paralysis



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Miracles of Exorcism

- Jesus liberates those who are victims of evil spirits.
- People believed that evil finds its way into everyday living: humans are helpless in the face of evil
- Jesus himself struggled with Satan (temptation in the desert)
- God's victory will be complete when all evil is removed from creation.
- Jesus' exorcisms – his power over Satan – is a sign of God's saving power.
- They are central to his proclamation of the Kingdom of God.



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Miracles of Nature

- Jesus shows mastery over the forces of creation.
- Jesus calms the storm.
- Jesus walks on the water.
- Jesus feeds 5000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fish.
- Jesus changes water into wine.
- Jesus brings back people from the dead: Lazarus, Jairus' daughter, the son of the widow of Naim.
- Jesus addresses the presence of evil with the power of God which overcomes such evil.
- Jesus shows the power over nature that God shows in the Old Testament.



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Nature Miracles	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
1. Stilling the Storm	8:23	4:35	8:22	
2. Feeding the 5000	14:13	6:30	9:10	6:1
3. Walking on the Water	14:25	6:48		6:19
4. Feeding the 4000	15:32	8:1		
5. Temple Tax in the Fish's Mouth	17:24			
6. Withering the Fig Tree	21:18	11:12		
7. Draught of Fish			5:1	
8. Turning Water into Wine				2:1
9. Second Draught of Fish				21:1
Healing Miracles	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
1. Cleansing of a Leper	8:2	1:40	5:12	
2. Healing a Centurion's Servant	8:5		7:1	
3. Healing Peter's Mother-in-law	8:14	1:30	4:38	
4. Healing the Sick at evening	8:16	1:32	4:40	
5. Healing a paralytic	9:2	2:3	5:18	
6. Healing the Hemorrhaging woman	9:20	5:25	8:43	
7. Healing Two Blind Men	9:27			
8. Healing a Man's Withered Hand	12:9	3:1	6:6	
9. Healing the Gentile Woman's Daughter	15:21	7:24		
10. Healing the Epileptic Boy	17:14	9:17	9:38	
11. Healing a Blind Men	20:30	10:46	18:35	
12. Healing a Deaf Mute		7:31		
13. Healing a Blind Man at Bethsaida		8:22		
14. Healing the Infirm, Bent Woman			13:11	
15. Healing the Man with Dropsy			14:1	
16. Cleansing the Ten Lepers			17:11	
17. Restoring a Servant's Ear			22:51	
18. Healing the Nobleman's Son (of fever)				4:46
19. Healing an Infirm Man at Bethesda				5:1
20. Healing the Man born blind				9:1
Raising from the Dead				
1. Raising the Ruler's Daughter	9:18,23	5:22,35	8:40,49	
2. Raising of a Widow's Son at Nain			7:11	
3. Raising of Lazarus				11:43
Casting out Demons				
1. Demons entering a herd of swine	8:28	5:1	8:26	
2. Curing a Demon-possessed Mute	9:32			
3. Casting Out an Unclean Spirit		1:23	4:33	
4. Curing a Demon-possessed, Blind and Mute man	12:22		11:14	

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Miracles and Faith

- Jesus is not a “miracle worker” or magician. He performs miracles to show the power of God.
- Jesus was often reluctant to perform miracles. Rather, people come to him.
- Jesus makes a constant link between miracles and faith. Jesus demands total trust and faith – acknowledgment of God’s power.
- Lack of faith sometimes stood in the way of Jesus performing miracles.
- Jesus wanted people to believe in *him*, not just in signs.
- Faith leads to transformed lives.

