

Bible Trivia: Parables of Jesus

The Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the Sower. Twenty questions about the stories Jesus told to...

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- 1 In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, who passed by the injured man without helping?
 - A. A Roman soldier and a tax collector
 - B. A priest and a Levite
 - C. A Pharisee and a scribe
 - D. Two merchants
- 2 In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, what did the younger son do with his inheritance?
 - A. Invested it wisely
 - B. Gave it to the poor
 - C. Squandered it in wild living
 - D. Lost it to thieves
- 3 In the Parable of the Sower, what happened to the seed that fell on the path?
 - A. It grew quickly but died
 - B. Thorns choked it
 - C. Birds ate it
 - D. It produced a great harvest
- 4 What does the mustard seed parable teach about the kingdom of God?
 - A. It is hard to find
 - B. It starts small but grows very large
 - C. It is delicate and easily destroyed
 - D. It requires constant care
- 5 In the Parable of the Talents, what happened to the servant who buried his one talent?
 - A. He was praised for being careful
 - B. He received more talents
 - C. His talent was taken away and given to the one w...
 - D. He was forgiven
- 6 In the Parable of the Lost Sheep, how many sheep did the shepherd leave behind to search for the lost one?
 - A. Fifty
 - B. Seventy-seven
 - C. Ninety-nine
 - D. One hundred
- 7 What parable did Jesus tell about two men who built houses, one on rock and one on sand?
 - A. The Parable of the Two Builders
 - B. The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders
 - C. The Parable of the Foundations
 - D. The Parable of the Storm
- 8 In the Parable of the Wedding Banquet, what happened when the invited guests refused to come?
 - A. The king cancelled the banquet
 - B. The king sent his servants to invite anyone they c...
 - C. The king ate alone
 - D. The king punished only the servants
- 9 What did the woman in the Parable of the Lost Coin do when she found it?
 - A. She hid it for safekeeping
 - B. She gave it to the poor
 - C. She called her friends and neighbors to celebrate
 - D. She took it to the temple
- 10 In the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, which man went home justified before God?
 - A. The Pharisee
 - B. The tax collector
 - C. Both equally
 - D. Neither
- 11 What does the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds teach?
 - A. Bad people should be removed immediately
 - B. Only good seeds should be planted
 - C. Good and evil will grow together until the final jud...
 - D. Farmers should always weed their fields

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12 In the Parable of the Ten Virgins, what did the foolish virgins forget to bring?

- A. Their invitation
- B. Their lamps
- C. Extra oil
- D. Their wedding clothes

13 What parable did Jesus tell about a man who built bigger barns to store his wealth?

- A. The Parable of the Talents
- B. The Parable of the Rich Fool
- C. The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus
- D. The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

14 In the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, how much did the servant owe the king?

- A. One hundred denarii
- B. One thousand talents
- C. Ten thousand talents
- D. Five hundred pieces of silver

15 In the Parable of the Vineyard Workers, what upset the workers who were hired first?

- A. They were not paid
- B. They had to work longer hours
- C. Workers hired later received the same pay
- D. The vineyard owner sold the grapes

16 What does the Parable of the Pearl of Great Price teach?

- A. Money is the root of all evil
- B. The kingdom of heaven is worth giving up every...
- C. Pearls are more valuable than gold
- D. Merchants should be honest

17 In the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, where did the beggar Lazarus go after he died?

- A. To Hades
- B. To Abraham's side (Abraham's bosom)
- C. Back to earth
- D. To the temple

18 What parable uses the image of a narrow door or gate?

- A. The Parable of the Sower
- B. The Parable of the Narrow Gate
- C. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure
- D. The Parable of the Fig Tree

19 In the Parable of the Persistent Widow, what did the widow keep asking the judge for?

- A. Money
- B. Forgiveness
- C. Justice against her adversary
- D. A new home

20 What did the father do when the prodigal son returned home?

- A. Made him work as a servant
- B. Turned him away
- C. Ran to him, embraced him, and threw a feast
- D. Asked him to apologize to the family

Bible Trivia: Parables of Jesus — Answer Key

1. B A priest and a Levite

Both a priest and a Levite saw the injured man and passed by on the other side of the road. Only the Samaritan stopped to help (Luke 10:31-33).

2. C Squandered it in wild living

The younger son took his share of the estate and 'squandered his wealth in wild living.' When a famine came, he ended up feeding pigs (Luke 15:13-16).

3. C Birds ate it

Seed on the path was eaten by birds, representing those who hear the word but the devil takes it away before it can take root (Luke 8:5, 12).

4. B It starts small but grows very large

Though a mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds, it grows into a large tree. Jesus used it to show that God's kingdom starts small but grows beyond expectation (Matthew 13:31-32).

5. C His talent was taken away and given t...

The master called the servant 'wicked and lazy' and took his talent away, giving it to the servant who had earned ten (Matthew 25:26-28).

6. C Ninety-nine

The shepherd left the ninety-nine sheep in the open field and went after the one that was lost until he found it (Luke 15:4).

7. B The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders

The wise builder built on rock and survived the storm; the foolish builder built on sand and his house collapsed. Jesus said the one who hears his words and obeys is like the wise builder

8. B The king sent his servants to invite ...

The king told his servants to go to the street corners and invite anyone they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled (Matthew 22:8-10).

9. C She called her friends and neighbors ...

The woman lit a lamp, swept the house, and searched until she found the coin, then called her friends to rejoice with her. Jesus said heaven rejoices the same way over one sinner who repents

10. B The tax collector

The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and said 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' Jesus said this man went home justified, not the self-righteous Pharisee (Luke 18:13-14).

11. C Good and evil will grow together unti...

The master told his servants to let the wheat and weeds grow together until harvest, when they would be separated. Jesus explained this represents the final judgment (Matthew 13:24-30),

12. C Extra oil

All ten had lamps, but the five foolish virgins did not bring extra oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, their lamps went out and they were shut out of the wedding feast (Matthew 25:1-13).

13. B The Parable of the Rich Fool

The rich man planned to tear down his barns and build bigger ones, then relax and enjoy life. But God said 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you' (Luke 12:16-21).

14. C Ten thousand talents

Ten thousand talents was an astronomical, unpayable amount. The king forgave the entire debt, but the servant then refused to forgive a fellow servant who owed him a tiny amount (Matthew

15. C Workers hired later received the same pay

Workers hired at dawn received the same wage as those hired in the last hour. The point is that God's generosity is not based on human ideas of fairness (Matthew 20:1-16).

16. B The kingdom of heaven is worth giving...

A merchant found a pearl of great value and sold everything he had to buy it. The kingdom of heaven is worth everything we have (Matthew 13:45-46).

17. B To Abraham's side (Abraham's bosom)

Lazarus was carried by angels to Abraham's side, a place of comfort. The rich man went to Hades, a place of torment, and could see Lazarus across a great chasm (Luke 16:22-26).

18. B The Parable of the Narrow Gate

Jesus said 'Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it' (Matthew 7:13-14).

19. C Justice against her adversary

The widow kept coming to the unjust judge asking for justice. He finally granted it because of her persistence. Jesus told this parable to teach that we should always pray and not give up

20. C Ran to him, embraced him, and threw a feast

While the son was still far off, the father ran to him, kissed him, put a ring on his hand, and killed the fattened calf for a celebration (Luke 15:20-24).