

Summer in the Parables
 Class V: Parables of Judgment
 Grace Church Bellingham, August 6, 2024

Parable	Passage
The Laborers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
Coins	Luke 19
PALM SUNDAY	Matthew 21 (Luke 19)
Acted Parables: Weeping over Jerusalem, Cleansing Temple, Cursing Fig Tree	Matthew 21 (Luke 19)
The Two Sons	Matthew 21:28-32
The Wicked Tenants	Matthew 21:33-46
The King's Son's Wedding	Matthew 22:1-14
The Fig Tree	Matthew 24:32-36
The Faithful Servant/Bad Servant	Matthew 24:45-51
The Wise & Foolish Virgins	Matthew 25:1-13
The Talents	Matthew 25:14-30
The Great Judgement	Matthew 25:31-46
Betrayal, Crucifixion, Death, Resurrection	Matthew 26-28

Parables of Judgment

Synoptic Apocalypse!

PARABLES

Kingdom	Grace	Judgment
Everywhere Mysterious At Work Elicits response	Upside down (left-handed power) Least, last, little, lost receive Death & resurrection, not life & performance	Acceptance before rejection Judgment on the refusal of grace Relationship not performance
Opposite of sin isn't virtue but faith		God's work all along... we trust

A FIRST LOOK: LABORERS IN VINEYARD

Grace & Judgment

- Preceding: How difficult for the wealthy; the first last, the last first
- After: predicts his suffering, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem
- Kingdom of heaven... like a master of a house early in the morning.... Hires workers hours 1, 3, 6, 9, and 11. Has foreman give wages to last, first... and they get a full day's wage... which makes the first hired complain.

"Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity? So the last will be first, and the first last."

TEACHING MINISTRY OF JESUS

Kingdom		Grace		Judgment		
Baptism & Temptation	Parables	Feeding 5k	Parables	Palm Sunday	Parables	Death, Resurrection Ascension
Matt 3-4 Mark 1 Luke 3-4		Matt 14, Luke 9, Mark 6		Matt 21, Luke 19, Mark 11		Matt 27-28, Luke 23-24, Mark 16
Matthew's Timeline (13)		Luke's Timeline (9-18)		Matthew's (19-25)		



Matthew 22:1–14 **The Parable of the Wedding Feast**

22 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.” ’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Matthew 25:14–30 **The Parable of the Talents**

¹⁴“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’