

We Wish to See Jesus Through His Parables

I. Overview of Parables

A. What is a parable?

1. The Greek term means “_____”.
2. A parable is an extended metaphor taking the form of a story.
3. A parable teaches by _____ truth from a known realm to an unknown realm.

B. Why teach in parables?

1. They are an effective way to teach truths.
2. They force the listener to _____.
3. They present truths that are easily _____ to some yet easily by others.

C. How to interpret a parable

1. Find the _____ the parable is given in the context.
2. Look for the main point of _____ being taught.
3. Avoid using a vivid imagination.

II. The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A. The context of the parable (10:25-29)

1. The structure of the parable

2. Question one: What must I do to inherit eternal life (25-28)?

3. Question two: Who is my neighbor (29)?

B. The message of the parable (10:30-35)

1. The traveler (30)

2. The Priest (31)

3. The Levite (32)

4. The Samaritan (33)

C. The application of the parable (10:36-37)

1. The primary application made by Jesus.

2. Recognize Jesus' reckless love

The story's theology:

Since God demands that we love our neighbor in order to merit eternal life, the parable teaches what it means to love our neighbor which should reveal to us that we are not capable of that kind of love and that we are disqualified from entering the kingdom on our merits.

But the parable also teaches us that we are loved with that same kind of love and that we can be rescued from our plight.