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| **Parable** | **Essential Message** | **Matthew** | **Mark** | **Luke** |
| Lamp under a bowl | Do not hide your faith or its results | 5:14-15 | 4:21-22 | 8:16, 11:33 |
| Wise and foolish builders | Pay attention to Jesus’ teachings and put them into practice | 7:24-27 |  | 6:47-49 |
| New cloth on an old coat | Christianity is a new faith – don’t constrain it to “fit” in old forms | 9:16 | 2:21 | 5:36 |
| New wine in old wineskins | Christianity is a new faith – don’t constrain it to “fit” in old forms | 9:17 | 2:22 | 5:37-38 |
| Sower and the soils | He who hears the Word and understands it will bear great fruit. | 13:3-8, 18-23 | 4:3-8, 14-20 | 8:5-8,11-15 |
| Weeds | Believers will live alongside unbelievers in the world, but at the end they will be separated | 13:24-30, 36-43 |  |  |
| Mustard Seed | Although God’s Kingdom will seem to have an insignificant beginning, it will eventually spread through the world. | 13:31-32 | 4:30-32 | 13:18-19 |
| Yeast | The Kingdom of God will permeate our entire lives | 13:33 |  | 13:20-21 |
| Hidden treasure | The Kingdom of God is a great treasure; when we find it we will rejoice | 13:44 |  |  |
| Valuable pearl | The Kingdom of God is such a great treasure that we would be willing to sell all we have to obtain it | 13:45-46 |  |  |
| Net | There will be a final separation between the righteous and the wicked | 13:47-50 |  |  |
| Lost Sheep | Heaven rejoices more over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous people (probably ironic) | 18:12-14 |  | 15:4-7 |
| Unmerciful Servant | We must forgive others from our hearts | 18:23-34 |  |  |
| Workers in the vineyard | The last will be first, and the first will be last | 20:1-16 |  |  |
| Two sons | Repentance and faith are what matter to God | 21:28-32 |  |  |
| Tenants in the Vineyard | The Kingdom of God will be taken away from the Jews and their leaders. Also illustrates Christ’s undeserved suffering. | 21:33-44 | 12:1-11 | 20:9-18 |
| Wedding Banquet | For many are invited, but few are chosen | 22:2-14 |  |  |
| Fig Tree | Signs in the world will tell us that the Kingdom of God is near | 24:32-35 | 13:28-29 | 21:29-31 |
| Faithful and wise servant | Be prepared for the day of the Lord’s coming | 24:45-51 |  | 12:42-48 |

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| Wise and foolish virgins | Be prepared for the day of the Lord’s coming | 25:1-13 |  |  |
| Talents (minas) | Apply the talents that God has given us to the growth of His kingdom | 25:14-30 |  | 19:12-27 |
| Sheep and goats | There will be a final separation between the righteous and the wicked; also, our actions toward the less fortunate are as if to our Lord | 25:31-46 |  |  |
| Growing Seed | The Gospel has its own power |  | 4:26-29 |  |
| Watchful Servants | Be prepared for the day of the Lord’s coming! |  | 13:35-37 | 12:35-40 |
| Moneylender | The more aware of our sins the more thankful we will be |  |  | 7:41-43 |
| Good Samaritan | Love your neighbor! |  |  | 10:30-37 |
| Friend in need | Persistence/ Boldness in our requests will be answered |  |  | 11:5-8 |
| Rich fool | Storing things up for yourself without being rich toward God is foolish. |  |  | 12:16-21 |
| Unfruitful fig tree | God looks for fruit and even after failing to find it for many years, will make one last effort. |  |  | 13:6-9 |
| Lowest seat at the feast | Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. |  |  | 14:7-14 |
| Great banquet | Refusal to accept God’s invitation will result in rejection. |  |  | 14:16-24 |
| Cost of discipleship | Believers should not expect only blessings. They should consider what Jesus expects of his followers. |  |  | 14:28-33 |
| Lost coin | God and the angels rejoice at the repentance of even one sinner |  |  | 15:8-10 |
| Lost (prodigal) son | God rejoices at the repentance of sinners |  |  | 15:11-32 |
| Shrewd manager | Use the means at your disposal to gain your objective |  |  | 16:1-8 |
| Rich man and Lazarus | Miracles won’t save someone who doesn’t pay attention to Scripture |  |  | 16:19-31 |
| Master and his servant | Obeying God is our duty. We shouldn’t expect anything special for simply doing our duty. |  |  | 17:7-10 |
| Persistent widow | Always pray; don’t give up. |  |  | 18:2-8 |
| Pharisee and tax collector | Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. |  |  | 18:10-14 |