

Probing the Parables

Read the parables in the following Scripture references and then answer the questions.

1. Matthew 13:24–50

Which parables have the same message? What is their message?

What have some people given up for the sake of the Kingdom?

2. Matthew 18:10–14

Matthew uses this parable to teach the Church leaders to care about the little ones in their community. How does Matthew's purpose for using the Parable of the Lost Sheep differ from the way Luke uses it in chapter 15, verses 1–7?

3. Matthew 18:21–35

How does this parable echo the Lord's Prayer?



4. Matthew 21:28—22:14

Which characters in these three parables represent the Jewish leaders who did not accept Jesus?

5. Matthew 24:45—25:30

Which characters in these three parables are unprepared for the Last Judgment at the end of the world?

