

## Parables and Stories of Jesus

### Gospel of *Mark*

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| The Sower      | 4:3-9,14-20 |
| Growing Seed   | 4:26-29     |
| Mustard Seed   | 4:30-32     |
| Wicked Tenants | 12:1-11     |

### Gospel of *Matthew*

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Two Builders         | 7:24-27        |
| Sower                | 13:3-9,18-23   |
| Weeds and Wheat      | 13:24-30,36-43 |
| Mustard Seed         | 13:31-32       |
| Leaven               | 13:33          |
| Treasure             | 13:44          |
| Pearl                | 13:45-46       |
| Fishnet              | 13:47-50       |
| Lost Sheep           | 18:12-14       |
| Unmerciful Servant   | 18:23-35       |
| Laborers in Vineyard | 20:1-16        |
| Two Sons             | 21:28-32       |
| Wicked Tenants       | 21:33-43       |
| Wedding Garment      | 22:2-14        |
| Unfaithful Servant   | 24:45-51       |
| Ten Maidens          | 25:1-13        |
| Talents              | 25:14-30       |

Gospel of *Luke*

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Two Builders               | 6:47-49  |
| Two Debtors                | 7:41-43  |
| Sower                      | 8:5-8-15 |
| Good Samaritan             | 10:29-37 |
| Midnight Friend            | 11:5-8   |
| Rich Fool                  | 12:16-21 |
| Unfaithful Servant         | 12:42-46 |
| Fig Tree                   | 13:6-9   |
| Mustard Seed               | 13:18-19 |
| Leaven                     | 13:20-21 |
| Great Feast                | 14:15-24 |
| Tower Builder              | 14:28-30 |
| Warring King               | 14:31-32 |
| Lost Sheep                 | 15:3-7   |
| Lost Coin                  | 15:8-10  |
| Prodigal Son               | 15:11-32 |
| Unjust Steward             | 16:1-8   |
| Rich Man and Lazarus       | 16:19-31 |
| Master and Servant         | 17:7-10  |
| Persistent Widow           | 18:1-8   |
| Pharisee and Tax Collector | 18:9-14  |
| Talents                    | 19:11-27 |
| Wicked Tenants             | 20:9-18  |

## How to “do” exegesis – a simplified procedural

The steps will be discussed and illustrated in class

- I. Delimit the text (determine precisely the scope of the periscope)
- II. Set the Text (textual criticism)
- III. Work up the Text (grammar and syntax) It is presumed this will be weak since students have no knowledge of Greek/Hebrew, however, note should be taken when commentaries mention significant grammar/syntax usage.
- IV. Parallels (where applicable)
- V. Line by Line Analysis and Interpretation
  - A. Raise questions/issues if applicable
  - B. Apply Criticisms
    1. Source Criticism
    2. Form Criticism
    3. Redaction Criticism
  - C. Determine senses
    1. Literal Sense
    2. Fuller Sense (if applicable)
    3. Typical Sense (if applicable)Students should note historical interpretations, such as patristic or medieval views when noted in commentaries.
  - D. Resolve questions/issues (if applicable)
- VI. Pastoral Application (Accommodated Sense)
  - A. Homiletic and pastoral considerations

### Cite sources for all steps

Non native English speakers: it is strongly suggested you seek advice from the Writing Center.

## An Outline for the Gospel of Matthew

### Chapter:

|         |           |                             |
|---------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| A 1-4   | narrative | birth- beginnings           |
| B 5-7   | sermon    | blessings, entering kingdom |
| C 8-9   | narrative | authority and invitation    |
| D 10    | sermon    | missionary discourse        |
| E 11-12 | narrative | rejection                   |
| F 13    | sermon    | parables of kingdom (7)     |
| e 14-17 | narrative | acknowledgment by disciples |
| d 18    | sermon    | community discourse         |
| c 19-22 | narrative | authority and invitation    |
| b 23-25 | sermon    | woes, coming of kingdom     |
| a 26-28 | narrative | passion                     |

kingdom in every chapter

### Sermon on the Mount

Precepts Principles Patterns

Two thematic verses

5:17 – 7:12 kingdom inclusion

5:17 controls 5:21-48

5:20 controls 6:1-7:12

6:1 summary principle then four examples

vvs. 2-4 alms

vvs. 5-6 prayer

vvs. 7-15 prayer

vvs. 16-18 fasting

within each:

A practice mentioned

B abuse of practice

b abuse condemned

a correct practice given

The Lukan Sermon on the Plain

A chart of some recurring themes:

- "A" general principles
- "B" a concrete application of the general principle
- "C" another concrete application
- "D" yet another application
- "E" a reward or a return
- "F" negative note

Chapter 6:

|        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27     | A |   |   |   |   |   |
| 28     |   | B |   |   |   |   |
| 29     |   |   | C |   |   |   |
| 30     |   |   |   | D |   |   |
| 31     | A |   |   |   |   |   |
| 32     |   | B |   |   | E |   |
| 33     |   |   | C |   | E |   |
| 34     |   |   |   | D | E |   |
| 35     | A | B |   |   | E |   |
| 36     | A |   |   |   |   |   |
| 37     |   | B | C | D | E | F |
| 38     |   |   |   |   | E |   |
| 39     |   | B |   |   |   |   |
| 40     |   |   | C |   |   |   |
| 41     |   |   |   | D |   |   |
| 42     |   |   |   | D |   | F |
| 43     | A |   |   |   |   |   |
| 44     |   | B |   |   |   |   |
| 45     |   |   | C |   |   |   |
| 46     |   |   |   | D |   |   |
| 47     |   |   |   |   | E |   |
| 48     |   |   |   |   | E |   |
| 49     |   |   |   |   |   | F |
| TOTALS | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 3 |

The Infancy Narrative in Luke

- A -- Zechariah introduced; his duties are made known (8-9)
  - B -- the people are mentioned (10)
  - C -- the angel appears and speaks (11-17)
  - D -- Zechariah questions the angel (18)
  - C -- the angel speaks again in response to Zechariah (19-20)
  - B -- scene returns to the people; Zechariah comes out (21)
  - A -- Zechariah's duties are over and he leaves (22).

(all verses are from chapter 1):

Annunciation of John

- (5-7) parents mentioned
- (8-12) appearance of angel
- (13-17) annunciation proper
- (18-20) question, answer, sign
- (21-25) fulfillment of message

Annunciation of Jesus

- (26)
- (28)
- (30-33)
- (34-37)
- (38).

John

- (57) birth
- (58) great joy
- (59-63) circumcision, name role of child
- (64-66) role of John circumcision, name
- (67-79) canticle answers role
- (80) growth indicated

Jesus

- (1-7)
- (8-16)
- (17-20)
- (21)
- (22-38)
- (39-40).