

Show video

The Video: What Parable was this ?

- In what ways was the video similar to the Parable? *[Discussion!]*

- Victim never speaks (could be from anywhere)
- Clothes are a mess
- Medical doctor- church deacon- too busy... it's the victim's own fault, must be drunk
- Church youth leader wants to help, but has other pressing things to do... with the Youth.
- The taxi driver reads Arabic newspaper. Since 9/11 people are extra conscious of such people.... An 'outsider'... feared, mistreated & despised.
- Is he more capable of sympathizing with the victim, because he has been a victim himself?
- Compassion/ hug of gratitude

- *What did the boy learn? What did we learn?*
- Was this video more effective than just reading/ hearing Jesus' words?

- **Seminary exam story**
- In what ways do we resemble the Priest & Levite ?
- *We need to apply the parables & be DOERS of God's word, not just Hearers*
 - How?

Luke 16:

- **Rich Man & Lazarus die**
- **Rich man pleads:**
 - **Laz warn 5 Brothers**
- **Moses/Prophets enough**
- **Resurrect-will convince**
- **Not w/o Moses/Prophets**
- **The real Lazarus raised**
 - **Kill Him!**

Parables about Who is in Control:

- Tenant (vineyard) Mt 21: 33- 39, 43
 - Grounded in Old Testament
 - Is. 5: 7
 - Stewardship = care taker
 - Messengers to help us Mt 23:34
 - Jn 11:48 Our Temple and Nation
 - They understood, but didn't change
 - Instead they killed him & lost all

- Parables of Banquet Mt 22: 1- 14 and Wedding Feast Lk 14: 15- 24

- Expected get rejected; others selected

- “Wise” & “Faithful” servant Mt 24: 45-51

Who are the “Wise” and “Faithful” servants?

–5 “Wise” Virgins- Mt 25: 1- 13

–“Faithful” with their Talents Mt 25:14- 30

Attitude:

- Time, \$, Property, Possessions, Life, Health? Are they really OURS?
- Lk 17: 10 (contemporary version)
- Sheep & Goats Mt. 25: 31- 46
 - Indistinguishable, like tares, 'til...
- Owners or stewards?

- Status/ Color/ Wealth/ Education
- Jesus' Interactions with 'the lowest'
 - Gentiles- Puppies and Power, in the language of Parables!

Can I change to be more like Jesus?

Do I really want to change? How comfortable am I the way things are?

How do I begin this change?

Servants:

- Seek the lost... restore them!
- Apologize & make amends, to reconcile
- Seek to serve and to help
- Stay connected to their Lord
- Share their 'Good News'
- In Heart, not just in appearance
- Faithful in little things
- Trust God to make us righteous

Servants (continued):

- Are Stewards, not owners
- Love to serve- no grumbling
- Awe of Lord, not contempt of others
- Endure faithfully
- Examine self & **change** as needed
- Pray for help & guidance
- *Servants look for / long for Jesus' return*

By this all people will know that
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Which was the good 'neighbor'?
He that showed compassion!
YOU go and do likewise!