



# The Park Church: Corporate Bible Study

*BIBLE JOURNEY: THE GOSPELS: PASSION OF CHRIST – LESSON 1*

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# Review: Looking Back, Moving Forward

**What are the most commonly known parables?  
(list at least one of them chat)**

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## **Intro to Parables and Themes of Parables**

### ▶ **Most commonly known parables:**

- Parable of the Sower, Parable of the Talents, The Prodigal Son
- Parable of the Good Samaritan, Parable of the Lost Sheep, Parable of Lost Coin

### ▶ **What is a Parable:**

- A simple story that illustrates a spiritual lesson.
- All point back to the Kingdom of God.

### ▶ **Why Jesus used Parables:**

- To make complex ideas understandable
- To reveal truth to those who wanted to know
- To conceal truth from those who were indifferent

## Luke 19:28-34

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup> They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

## Luke 19:35-40

<sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”<sup>[a]</sup>

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!

<sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

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**In | The March of the Shepherd**

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**In | Cleansing the Temple**

# THREE TRIALS OF JESUS

	JEWISH SUPREME COURT	HERODIAN JURISDICTION	ROMAN MILITARY TRIBUNAL
JUDGE	THE "COUNCIL" (SANHEDRIN)	HEROD ANTIPAS, TETRARCH OF GALILEE	JUDEAN GOVERNOR PONTIUS PILATE
PROSECUTORS	ELDERS, CHIEF PRIESTS, SCRIBES	CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES	CHIEF PRIESTS, LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE, AND CROWDS
ISSUES/ CHARGES	RELIGIOUS BLASPHEMY: THEY ALL ASKED, "ARE YOU THEN THE SON OF GOD?" (LUKE 22:70, NIV)	JESUS REPUTATION AS A MIRACLE/SIGN-WORKER	POLITICAL TREASON: "WE HAVE FOUND THIS MAN SUBVERTING OUR NATION. HE OPPOSES PAYMENT OF TAXES TO CAESAR AND CLAIMS TO BE MESSIAH, A KING." (LUKE 23:2, NIV)
JESUS' DEFENSE	"IF I TELL YOU, YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE ME, AND IF I ASKED YOU, YOU WOULD NOT ANSWER. BUT FROM NOW ON, THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MIGHTY GOD." (LUKE 22:68-69, NIV)	"HE PLIED HIM WITH MANY QUESTIONS, BUT JESUS GAVE HIM NO ANSWER." (LUKE 23:9, NIV)	"PILATE ASKED JESUS, 'ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?' 'YOU HAVE SAID SO,' JESUS REPLIED." (LUKE 23:3, NIV)
JESUS' TREATMENT	MOCKING, BEATING, BLINDFOLDING, TAUNTING (LUKE 22:64)	CONTEMPT AND MOCK INVESTITURE (LUKE 23:11)	FLOGGING AND RELEASE (LUKE 23:16,22)
FINAL VERDICT	"GUILTY" OF BLASPHEMOUS MISREPRESENTATION ON THE BASIS OF JESUS' SELF-INCRIMINATING TESTIMONY	JESUS SENT BACK TO PILATE AS "NOT GUILTY" AND UNDESERVING OF DEATH PENALTY	UNDER MOB PRESSURE, PILATE OVERTURNS HIS OWN "NOT GUILTY" VERDICT AND "SURRENDERED JESUS TO THEIR WILL." (LUKE 23:25, NIV)

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**In | Civil Insurrection**

# Pilate's Struggle

Some have suggested that Pilate's internal struggle over sentencing Jesus may be instructive for our own spiritual lives. It's easy to judge Pilate for condemning Jesus but his experience with Jesus may be more like our own than we'd like to admit. Carefully read John 18:28-40 and 19:1-16. When the crowd brings Jesus to Pilate to be interrogated they wait outside to avoid becoming unclean and disqualifying themselves from Passover. Pilate spends the rest of the scene walking back and forth between Jesus in his palace and Jesus' accusers outside in the courtyard. He finds himself torn between Jesus and the crowd, between "light and darkness, truth and falsehood, the Kingdom of God and a kingdom of this world waiting on his terrace." Dr. James L. Resseguie has suggested the above image to illustrate Pilate's predicament.

# Your Turn: Write in the Chat

What do you do when you find yourself struggling between "Jesus and the world, "light and darkness", truth and falsehood, the kingdom of God and the kingdom of this world?"

# 31 Days of Prayer – Day 10

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SCRIPTURE READING OF THE DAY:  
ISAIAH 40:31

## Prayer

God, I thank You for the privilege, the opportunity, the grace to wait on You. For I know that when I wait on You, all things work together for my good. And, I thank You that in my waiting, You renew, You reposition, You repurpose.

Thank You, Lord, for providing ALL that I need during the wait. And I bless You for the reminder that waiting is a part of your perfect plan, and during the wait, I will not faint nor grow weary. For in Your time, I WILL be mounted, I WILL walk, I WILL run and I WILL receive all that you have prepared for me.

In Jesus' name, Amen!