

7th Grade New Testament (Gospels)

Parables

Parables are probably the most _____ feature of Jesus' _____
and _____.

What is a parable?

- Definition:

- C. H. Dodd - "A parable is a metaphor or simile drawn from nature or common life, arresting the hearer by its vividness or strangeness, and leaving the mind in sufficient doubt about its precise application to tease it into active thought."

- Biblical - could refer to _____ (Luke 4:23), _____ (Mark 3:23),
_____ (Matthew 13:33), _____ (Luke 18:1-8),
_____ (Luke 13:6-9), and _____ (Matthew 22:1-14)

Jesus' use of parables:

- works of _____

- _____ method - primarily in regards to the _____

- _____ he used in _____ with opponents

- _____ into heaven - illustration of ladder peeking into
heaven

Characteristics of parables:

- _____ and _____

- typically omit _____ descriptions and leave motives _____

- usually taken from _____, but are not necessarily realistic

- often contain features that would strike the hearer as _____, _____, or even _____ (this is often the point that invites hearers to a deeper, spiritual or metaphorical level of meaning)
- _____: kings for God, banquets and harvests for judgement, servants for God's people, etc.
- often contain a _____ or call for a reversal of _____
- most parables are _____ - focused on God, his kingdom, and expectations for humans
- often invite hearers to change _____ or increase _____
- Way for Jesus to introduce potentially _____ teachings

Message of the parables:

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