

The Parables of Jesus- an Introduction (Luke 10: 25-37- various texts)

- Next several months: the feet of our Lord Jesus listening to His parables
- Mark 4:33 “And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. But without a parable He did not speak to them.”
- Parables are at the very core of our Lord Jesus Christ: our Divine Master
- Message not one particular parable, but how to understand the parables

I. Question One: What is a Parable?

Definition of a parable: *It is a setting forth of spiritual truth by means of an illustrative story, easy to remember, but not necessarily easy to interpret*

- **A setting forth/ a display:**
- **It's a setting forth of spiritual truth**
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- **It's a setting forth of spiritual truth by means of an illustrative story**
- It's a setting forth of spiritual truth by means of an illustrative story, **easy to remember**
- It is a setting forth of spiritual truth x means of an illustrative story, easy to remember, **but not necessarily easy to interpret**

II. Question #2: Why Did Our Lord Jesus Teach in Parables?

- We aren't left wondering why, Jesus' answer is given (Matt 13:10-17)
- Parables underline the principle that Jesus sets out in (Matt 13:12)

III. Question # 3: How Are Parables To Be Interpreted?

- By going to the Master: Mark 4:10, 34 ‘They are to be interpreted spiritually- you have to be in fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ.