

# Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

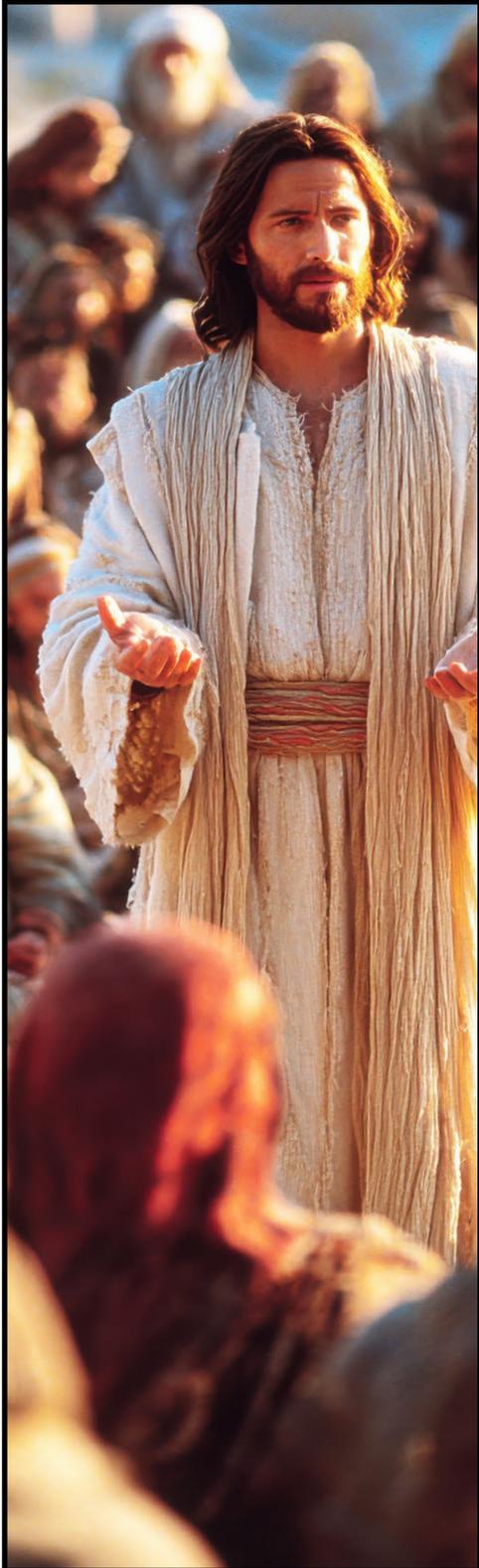
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*"Jesus used parables to teach because they conveyed deeper spiritual truths in a way that was relatable and engaging for His listeners. They also served to reveal insights to His disciples while concealing them from those who were not open to understanding His message."*

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## Why did Jesus use parables?



### Mark 4:33-34 NLT

"Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could **understand**. In fact, in His public ministry, He never taught without using parables; but afterward, when He was alone with His **disciples**, He explained everything to them."

### Matthew 14:32-36 NLT

"When they climbed back into the boat, the **wind** stopped. Then the disciples worshiped Him. 'You really are the Son of God!' they exclaimed. After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. When the people recognized **Jesus**, the news of His arrival spread quickly throughout the whole area, and soon people were bringing all their **sick** to be healed. They begged Him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of His robe, and **all** who touched Him were healed."

### Mark 3:7-8 NLT

"Jesus went out to the lake with His disciples, and a large **crowd** followed Him. They came from all over Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea [south of Beersheba, about 160 miles from Capernaum], from east of the Jordan River [9 of the 10 Decapolis cities were east of the Jordan River], and even from as far north as Tyre and Sidon [about 60 miles north of Capernaum]. The news about His **miracles** had spread far and wide, and vast numbers of people came to see Him."

### Matthew 23:23-24 NLT

"What sorrow awaits you teachers of **religious** law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to **tithe** even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and **faith**. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things. Blind guides! You strain your water so you won't accidentally swallow a **gnat**, but [instead] you swallow a camel!"

### Micah 6:8 NLT

"No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He **requires** of you: to do what is **right**, to love mercy, and to walk **humbly** with your God."

### John 17:3 NLT

"And this is the way to have eternal life—to **know** You, the only true God, and Jesus the Christ, the One You sent to earth."

### Mark 4:11-12 NLT

"He replied, 'You are permitted to understand the **secret** of the Kingdom of God. But I use **parables** for everything I say to outsiders, so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled....' [which is.....]"

### Isaiah 6:9-10 NLT

"And He replied: 'Go! Say to these people: Keep listening, but do not understand; keep **looking**, but do not perceive.' Make the minds of these people dull; **deafen** their ears and blind their eyes; otherwise they might **see** with their eyes and **hear** with their ears, understand with their minds, turn back, and be healed."

### Colossians 2:8 NLT

"Don't let anyone **capture** you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from **human** thinking and from the **spiritual** powers of this world, rather than from Christ."