



JESUS, THE MASTER STORYTELLER

Text: **Matthew 13:34-35**

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Introduction: There are so many things that attract us to the ministry and teachings of Jesus. One reason He was so loved was because of His compassion for the people. He healed the sick, visited the oppressed, and played with the children. But one of the most important things He did for the people was to tell them stories. There are literally dozens of parables, but each have a special meaning. Why did He tell so many stories? How can we learn from His methods? I want to share a few thoughts with you today on how to teach others by telling stories

Discussion:

I. A STORY WILL CAPTURE YOUR ATTENTION

Mark 1:27, 2:12, 9:15, 10:24, 10:32, 15:5

II. A STORY WILL STIR YOUR EMOTION

Matthew 13:10-17, John 3:1ff

III. A STORY WILL INCREASE YOUR RETENTION

John 2:22, Mark 11:21, Matthew 26:75, John 12:16

IV. A STORY WILL DISARM YOUR OPPOSITION

II Samuel 12-13, Luke 7

V. A STORY WILL ELIMINATE YOUR CONFUSION

John 3:4, Mark 12:32-33

Conclusion: What can you learn from Jesus? Jesus was successful because he did these things with compassion in His heart. Are you compassionate toward others? Do you have the Spirit of Christ?

WORD OF THE DAY = “STORY”