

## ***"The Master Storyteller"***

*Wednesday Evening Bible Class by Ray Reynolds (January 29, 2014)*

Introduction: Everyone loves a good story. Everyone loves a good teacher. Imagine if we could find someone who was gifted at both story-telling and teaching! This is where we have the opportunity to look to Jesus, the Master Teacher. When given an opportunity to begin His ministry, He started by teaching simple, practical lessons, and illustrated them with brilliance. Nearly every teaching of Christ includes some kind of a story, illustration, word picture, allegory, biblical reference, or kingdom parable. For the past year I have been working on a Bible class book including lessons on all of these stories. It should be available to download on our website by the end of this year. I am teaching them at AGCCA each Thursday in chapel. Let's consider the stories of Jesus together.....

Discussion:

- 1) The Beatitudes (**Matthew 5:3-12, Luke 6:20-26**)
- 2) The Salt Without Taste (**Matthew 5:13, Mark 9:50, Luke 14:34-35**)
- 3) The City on a Hill (**Matthew 5:14**)
- 4) The Lampstand (**Matthew 5:15-16, Mark 4:21-23, Luke 8:16-18**)
- 5) The Adversary (**Matthew 5:25-26, Luke 12:58-59**)
- 6) The Speck & the Plank (**Matthew 7:1-6, Luke 6:37-43**)
- 7) The Narrow Gate (**Matthew 7:13-14, Luke 13:24**)
- 8) The Two Builders (**Matthew 7:24-27, Luke 6:47-49**)
- 9) The Great Physician (**Matthew 9:10-13, Mark 2:15-17, Luke 5:29-32**)
- 10) The Grooms Attendants (**Matthew 9:14-15, Mark 2:18-20, Luke 5:33-35**)
- 11) The New Cloth on Old Garments (**Matthew 9:16, Mark 2:21, Luke 5:36**)
- 12) The New Wine in Old Wineskins (**Matthew 9:17, Mark 2:22, Luke 5:37-39**)
- 13) The Harvest (**Matthew 9:37-38, Luke 10:2**)
- 14) The Children in the Market (**Matthew 11:16-19, Luke 7:31-35**)
- 15) The Divided Kingdom (**Matthew 12:25-29, Mark 3:23-27, Luke 11:17-22**)
- 16) The Strong Man (**Matthew 12:29**)
- 17) The Sign of Jonah (**Matthew 12:38-42, Luke 11:29-32**)
- 18) The Unclean Spirit (**Matthew 12:43-45, Luke 11:24-26**)
- 19) The Sower and the Seed (**Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-15**)
- 20) The Wheat and the Tares (**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**)
- 21) The Mustard Seed (**Matthew 13:31-32, Mark 4:30-32, Luke 13:18-19**)
- 22) The Leaven (**Matthew 13:33, Luke 13:20-21**)
- 23) The Hidden Treasure (**Matthew 13:44**)
- 24) The Pearl of Great Price (**Matthew 13:45-46**)
- 25) The Dragnet (**Matthew 13:47-50**)

- 26) The Householder (**Matthew 13:52**)
- 27) The Lost Sheep (**Matthew 18:10-14, Luke 15:1-7**)
- 28) The Unforgiving Servant (**Matthew 18:21-35**)
- 29) The Workers in the Vineyard (**Matthew 20:1-16**)
- 30) The Two Sons (**Matthew 21:28-32**)
- 31) The Wicked Vinedressers (**Matthew 21:33-46, Mark 12:1-12, Luke 20:9-18**)
- 32) The Wedding Feast (**Matthew 22:1-14**)
- 33) The Fig Tree (**Matthew 24:32-35, Mark 13:28-31, Luke 21:29-33**)
- 34) The Faithful & Wicked Servants (**Matthew 24:45-51, Luke 12:42-48**)
- 35) The Wise and Foolish Virgins (**Matthew 25:1-13**)
- 36) The Sheep & Goats (**Matthew 25:31-46**)
- 37) The Talents (**Matthew 25:14-30**)
- 38) The Growing Seed (**Mark 4:26-29**)
- 39) The Watchful Doorkeeper (**Mark 13:32-37**)
- 40) The Creditor Who Had Two Debtors (**Luke 7:40-47**)
- 41) The Good Samaritan (**Luke 10:25-37**)
- 42) The Friend Who Came at Midnight (**Luke 11:5-8**)
- 43) The Rich Fool (**Luke 12:13-21**)
- 44) The Watchful Servants (**Luke 12:35-40**)
- 45) The Barren Fig Tree (**Luke 13:6-9**)
- 46) The Humbled Guest (**Luke 14:7-11**)
- 47) The Feast Invitations (**Luke 14:12-14**)
- 48) The Dinner Guests (**Luke 14:15-24**)
- 49) The Unfinished Tower (**Luke 14:25-30**)
- 50) The Unprepared King (**Luke 14:31-34**)
- 51) The Lost Coin (**Luke 15:8-10**)
- 52) The Lost Son (**Luke 15:11-32**)
- 53) The Unjust Steward (**Luke 16:1-13**)
- 54) The Rich Man & Lazarus (**Luke 16:19-31**)
- 55) The Condescending Master (**Luke 17:7-10**)
- 56) The Persistent Widow (**Luke 18:1-8**)
- 57) The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (**Luke 18:9-14**)
- 58) The Minas (**Luke 19:11-27**)
- 59) The I AM Statements (**John 6:35, 8:12, 10:9, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1**)
- 60) The Illustrations to the Seven Churches (**Revelation 2-3**)

Conclusion: We have so much we can learn from Jesus. What I have learned, and what you probably already know, is that truly Jesus was the Master Storyteller! However, these stories are just stories, unless you make application with them. Will you accept Jesus' teaching? Will you follow His instruction?