

# THE STORYTELLER

## HOLY WEEK RESOURCES

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- **The Parables of Jesus Christ.** First, we are providing a list of “all” the Parables of Jesus Christ (aside from “metaphors” which may or may not count depending on how technical you want to get), in case you would prefer to use any of these Parables in your Holy Week Journal. Remember, the Parables were told to describe the indescribable Character of God, Kingdom of Heaven, or Human Accountability in a way we would never forget and that had layered Earthly and Heavenly meanings.
- **“Parable Tokens.”** Next, you will see “Parable Tokens” you can print and cut out to use for your lent journal to help you stay connected to the events of Holy Week.
- **Holy Week Journal Pages.** Don’t have a Holy Week Journal? That’s ok – we have provided some pages for you along with some questions to think through on how to relate the parables to the events of Holy Week. NOTE: You do not have to use the Parable Tokens – you can use any of the parables or church readings you wish. The Parable Tokens are guides to help get you started.

We hope these resources help you have a blessed and meaningful Pascha!

THEME: THE STORYTELLER

A LOOK AT JESUS’ USE OF  
PARABLES AND THE MESSAGES  
THESE STORIES LEFT WITH US

KEY VERSE:

“TO YOU IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO  
KNOW THE MYSTERY OF THE  
KINGDOM OF GOD; BUT TO  
THOSE WHO ARE OUTSIDE, ALL  
THINGS COME IN PARABLES, SO  
THAT ‘SEEING THEY MAY SEE AND  
NOT PERCEIVE, AND HEARING  
THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT  
UNDERSTAND; LEST THEY  
SHOULD TURN, AND THEIR SINS  
BE FORGIVEN THEM.’”

MARK 4:11-12.

# THE PARABLES OF JESUS CHRIST



	Parable	Matthew	Mark	Luke
1	Lamp under a Basket	5:14-16	4:21,22	8:16,17; 11:33-36; 6:47-49
2	Build House on Rock / Sand	7:24-27		6:47-49
3	New Cloth on an Old Garment	9:16	2:21	5:36
4	New Wine / Old Wineskins	9:17	2:22	5:37-38
5	The Sower	13:3-23	4:2-20	8:4-15
6	The Tares	13:24-30		
7	The Mustard Seed	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19
8	The Leaven	13:33		13:20-21
9	The Hidden Treasure	13:44		
10	The Pearl of Great Price	13:45-46		
11	The Dragnet	13:47-50		
12	The Lost Sheep	18:12-14		15:3-7
13	The Unforgiving Servant	18:23-35		
14	The Workers in the Vineyard	20:1-16		
15	The Two Sons	21:28-32		
16	The Wicked Vinedressers	21:33-45	12:1-12	20:9-19
17	The Wedding Feast	22:2-14		
18	The Fig Tree	24:32-44	13:28-32	21:29-33
19	The Wise and Foolish Virgins	25:1-13		
20	The Talents	25:14-30		
21	The Growing Seed		4:26-29	
22	The Absent Householder		13:33-37	
23	The Creditor and Two Debtors			7:41-43
24	The Good Samaritan			10:30-37
25	A Friend in Need			11:5-13
26	The Rich Fool			12:16-21
27	The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant			12:35-40
28	Faithful and Wise Steward			12:42-48
29	The Barren Fig Tree			13:6-9
30	The Great Supper			14:16-24
31	Building a Tower and a King Making War			14:25-35
32	The Lost Sheep			15:4-7
33	The Lost Coin			15:8-10
34	The Prodigal Son			15:11-32
35	The Unjust Steward			16:1-13
36	The Rich Man & Lazarus			16:19-31
37	Unprofitable Servants			17:7-10
38	The Persistent Widow			18:1-8
39	The Pharisee & Tax Collector			18:9-14
40	The Minas (Pounds)			19:11-27

# PARABLE TOKENS CUT OUTS

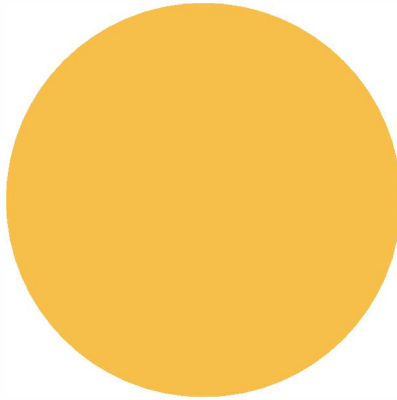
## INSTRUCTIONS

Cut out the Tokens on Card Stock (Highly Recommended) and use with your Holy Week Journal (if you have one) OR, if you do not have one, use the tokens with the Holy Week Journal Worksheets on the proceeding pages



*Journal Worksheet #1*  
*Recommended for Palm Sunday*

GLUE YOUR “PARABLE OF THE SOWER”  
PARABLE TOKEN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.



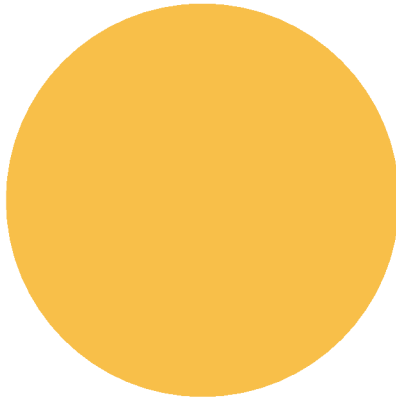
As you listen to the Church Hymns, Prayers, Bible Readings, and Sermon(s), dive a little deeper today and relate it to the “Parable of the Sower.” Jesus taught in this parable that God (the sower) desires to plant in our hearts the Kingdom of Heaven. During Palm Sunday we hear people singing “Hosanna in the Highest” – the same people who later this week will chant “crucify Him!” Are these people ones who likely had their seeds fall among good soil? Thorns? Stony ground? The wayside? How can we safeguard our hearts and cultivate good soil?

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*Journal Worksheet #2*  
*Recommended for Holy Monday or Tuesday*

GLUE YOUR “PARABLE OF THE WHEAT  
& THE TARES” PARABLE TOKEN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED



As you listen to the Church Hymns, Prayers, Bible Readings, and Sermon(s), dive a little deeper today and relate it to the “Parable of the Wheat & The Tares.” Jesus warned in this parable that there would be a harvest one day where the weeds (tares) would be separated from the wheat and burned. Until that day we had to train ourselves to discern between the wheat and the tares. What other prophecies did Jesus preach about during Holy Week? How were those prophecies similar to the message in this parable?

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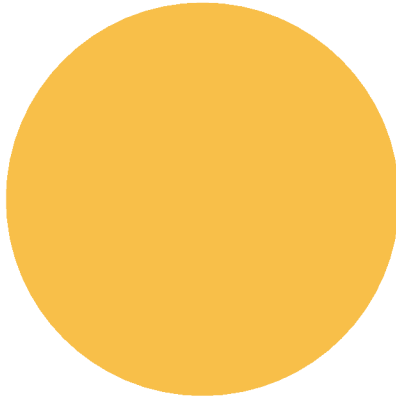
As you listen to the Church Hymns, Prayers, Bible Readings, and Sermon(s), dive a little deeper today and relate it to the “Parable of the Talents.” Jesus taught in this parable that God desires for us to be a good Steward of the ALL good things given to us. When we use our talents wisely, this is, in and of itself, an act of gratitude. If we bury them in the ground, then we are like the wicked and lazy servant. Do any of the readings\* you hear today relate back to this Parable?

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# *Journal Worksheet #4*

## *Recommended for Holy Monday,\* Tuesday, or Wednesday*

GLUE YOUR "PARABLE OF THE 10 VIRGINS" PARABLE TOKEN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.



As you listen to the Church Hymns, Prayers, Bible Readings, and Sermon(s), dive a little deeper today and relate it to the "Parable of the 10 Virgins." Jesus taught in this parable that we must always be spiritually prepared for the second coming and be like the 5 wise virgins who brought extra oil for their lamps and were ready when the bridegroom arrived. The wise virgins are those who practice charity and mercy in this life, while the foolish are those who squander God's gifts on themselves or, who like the Pharisees, look like they are doing all the "right" things, but have no faith behind their actions. Listen for the hymns about the "Bridegroom" that "comes at midnight" and listen for the Church readings about being prepared. Meditate on ways we can improve our spiritual-readiness.

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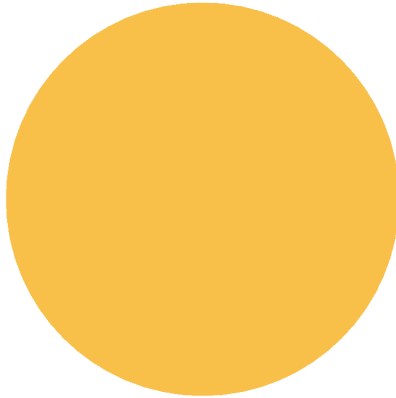
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*Listen for the Parable of the 10 Virgins in the readings today!*

# *Journal Worksheet #5*

## *Recommended for Holy Wednesday,\* Thursday, or Good Friday*

GLUE YOUR "PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING  
SERVANT" PARABLE TOKEN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.



As you listen to the Church Hymns, Prayers, Bible Readings, and Sermon(s), dive a little deeper today and relate it to the "Parable of the Unforgiving Servant." Jesus taught in this parable that God (the King) took compassion on the servant and cancelled out a debt of 10,000 talents – an amount of money that the servant could never pay back in his entire lifetime. In turn, the servant refused to forgive a much lessor debt of a fellow debtor. When we refuse to forgive, we cause ourselves to be estranged from the presence of God and we reject His gift of mercy – His cancellation of our debt of sins. Jesus paid the price for our sins on the cross – a price we can never pay ourselves – are we holding on to a grudge? Is there hatred in our hearts that we need to let go of? Meditate on that today as we show gratitude for the amazing gift of mercy God has given all of us.

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*\* In both the Coptic and Eastern Orthodox Tradition, on Wednesday of Holy Week the woman who anoints Christ with myrrh is commemorated and, therefore, this is a good day to meditate on repentance.*

As you listen to the Church Hymns, Prayers, Bible Readings, and Sermon(s), dive a little deeper today and relate it to the “Parable of the Prodigal Son.” In particular, we learned about the difference between the Prodigal Son (the younger son) repenting, and coming back to his Father, and the older son who was self-righteous and resentful. During these days of Holy Week, we will hear about Judas’ betrayal of Jesus. Peter also denies Christ three times after he said he never would. Compare and contrast how Judas and Peter dealt with their sin and if it can be related back to Jesus’ Parable of the Prodigal Son. What is our responsibility in times when we sin? What did Jesus tell us we could expect from our Loving Father?

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GLUE YOUR “PARABLE OF THE WICKED  
VINEDRESSERS” PARABLE TOKEN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

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