

JESUS THE EVANGELIST

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Jesus called out to them, "Come, be my disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people!" **Matthew 4:19** (NLT)

I. The Parable Of The Sower – Mark 4:1-20

A **parable** is a metaphor; or comparison; illustrating spiritual truths by ordinary situations in everyday life. Parables are stories which use natural truths to give us spiritual insight.

II. Four Things We Can Learn From The Way Jesus Sowed Seeds

1. It shows the profound love Jesus has for the lost.
2. It shows Jesus planted seventy-five percent of the seeds he had on what the world would consider bad ground and only twenty-five percent on good ground. This shows us Jesus sowed seventy-five percent of his seeds in faith and hope. It shows us Jesus sowed his seeds with love and compassion for the lost.
3. We learn a great lesson on how to approach the work of evangelism by simply following Jesus' example.
4. We learn not to let how people look determine who we will share the gospel with.

My friends, if you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, you won't treat some people better than others. Suppose a rich person wearing fancy clothes and a gold ring comes to one of your meetings. And suppose a poor person dressed in worn-out clothes also comes. You must not give the best seat to the one in fancy clothes and tell the one who is poor to stand at the side or sit on the floor. That is the same as saying that some people are better than others, and you would be acting like a crooked judge. **James 2:1-4** (CEV)

Peter began to speak: "I now realize that it is true that God treats everyone on the same basis." **Acts 10:34** (TEV)

III. Lost People Matter To Jesus

What do you think a man does who has one hundred sheep and one of them gets lost? He will leave the other ninety-nine grazing on the hillside and go and look for the lost sheep. **Matthew 18:12** (TEV)

IV. See People Through The Eyes of Jesus

Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. "What a huge harvest!" he said to his disciples. "How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!" **1 Samuel 30:7-8a**(KJV)

V. Go Tell It – Tell Your Story

Jesus said to his followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone. **Mark 16:15** (NCV)

VI. Where Are The Labors?

Jesus said to his followers, "There are many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them. **Matthew 9:37** (NCV)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. **Proverbs 11:30** (KJV)

VII. The Committee Of One Principle

VIII. The Harvest Is Ready - What Are You Waiting On?

Now let the sickle do its work; the harvest is ripe and waiting. **Joel 3:13a** (LB)

Dare to let God use you!

IX. No More Excuses

"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' **Luke 14:18-20** (NIV)