

Parables, Miracles, John the Baptist, and Disciples

Explanation

Special groupings of segments from the four Gospels are broken out for convenience in the next few charts. Was Jesus a sage who focused mainly on teaching, or was he primarily a man of action? The first two charts in this section show that he equally did both. The forty-nine main parables or metaphors spoken by Jesus are arrayed in chart 7-7, with the forty-two most impressive miracles that he performed, presented on chart 7-8. Jesus was Savior both in word and deed, and thus he praised any person who both “heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them” (Mt 7:24).

Passages on John the Baptist and his followers, most heavily reported in Luke, are shown on chart 7-9. Texts regarding the disciples or apostles of Jesus are listed on chart 7-10. As these charts demonstrate, John and Jesus attracted and instructed a strong group of devoted followers. Jesus organized his disciples into groups of twelve or seventy, and he sent them forth to do the works that he had shown them and to teach the words that he had given them.

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Miracles of Jesus

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
1. The Wedding of Cana				2:1–11
2. In the Synagogue at Capernaum		1:21–28	4:31–37	
3. Healing of Peter’s Mother-in-law	8:14–15	1:29–31	4:38–39	
4. The Evening of Healing	8:16–17	1:32–34	4:40–41	
5. The Miraculous Catch of Fish			5:1–11	
6. Healing of a Leper	8:1–4	1:40–45	5:12–16	
7. Healing a Centurian’s Servant	8:5–13		7:1–10	4:43–54
8. Raising the Widow’s Son at Nain			7:11–17	
9. The Healing of Many People	8:14–17	1:29–34	4:38–41	
10. Stilling the Tempest	8:23–27	4:36–41	8:22–25	
11. The Gadarene Demoniacs	8:28–34	5:1–20	8:26–39	
12. Healing a Paralytic	9:1–8	2:1–12	5:17–26	
13. Jairus’s Daughter	9:18–19, 23–26	5:21–24, 35–43	8:41–42, 49–56	
14. The Woman Who Touched Jesus	9:20–23	5:25–34	8:43–48	
15. Two Blind Men Healed	9:27–31			
16. A Dumb Man Healed	9:32–34			
17. The Compassion of Jesus	9:35–38			
18. Healing at the Pool of Bethesda				5:2–18
19. Healing a Withered Hand	12:9–14	3:1–6	6:6–11	

20. The Chosen Healer–Servant	12:15–21			
21. The Seaside Multitude		3:7–12		
22. The Servant from Capernaum			7:1–10	
23. A Sinful Woman Forgiven			7:36–50	
24. Feeding the Five Thousand	14:13–21	6:30–44	9:10–17	6:1–13
25. Walking on the Water	14:22–33	6:45–51		6:15–21
26. Healings at Gennesaret	14:34–36	6:53–56		
27. The Syrophenician Woman	15:21–28	7:24–30		
28. Healing of a Deaf Mute		7:32–37		
29. The Healing of Many Persons	15:29–31			
30. Feeding the Four Thousand	15:32–39	8:1–9		
31. Healing a Man Born Blind				9:1–12
32. The Blind Man at Bethsaida		8:22–26		
33. Healing of an Epileptic Child	17:14–18	9:14–27	9:38–42	
34. Healing a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath			13:10–17	
35. Healing a Man with Dropsy			14:1–4	
36. Cleansing of Ten Lepers			17:11–19	
37. Lazarus Raised				11:38–46
38. Healing Bartimaeus	20:29–34	10:46–52	18:35–43	
39. The Voice from Heaven				12:27–30
40. Jesus Arrested, Servant’s Ear Healed	26:47–56	14:43–50	22:47–53	18:3–12
41. The Resurrection	28:1–10	16:1–8	24:1–12	20:1–10
42. The Ascension of Jesus		16:19–20	24:50–53	