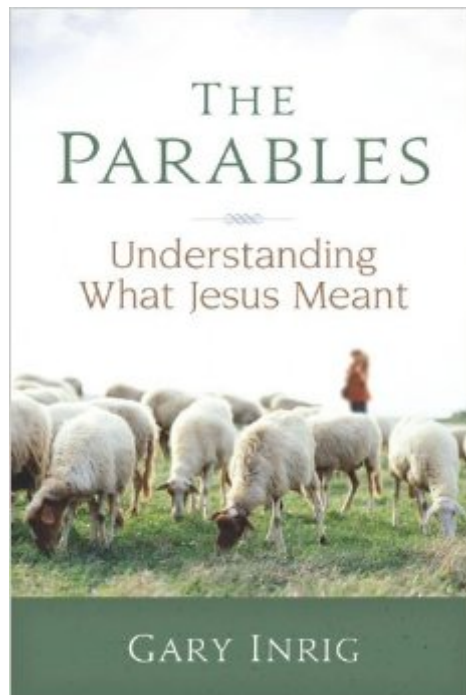


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# The Parables: Understanding What Jesus Meant



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Join Gary Inrig at the feet of Jesus and experience His parables as though for the first time. In *The Parables*, you'll feel as though you can smell the odors of Jewish villages, feel the dust of Galilean roads, and hear the voice of the Savior putting you into His stories. You'll be encouraged by what you learn about yourself and God.

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## Customer Reviews

I thank God for the writer of this book. This book explains new insight on Jesus' parables, taking in consideration of the Lord's geographical location and culture. It took me a while to read this book. Why? Because this is the type of book that you may want to meditate after reading it. Its not something that you read and let bygones be bygons. This book particularly focuses on what our actions should be as Jesus' followers. It addresses issues like greed or Me-society that we often ignore. I'd like to stress out that Jesus pointed everything plainly for us. This book only reminds us to go back and look deeper within ourselves and question if God is really what motivates us in everything we do. I love this book and will give it to friends I know. Please pray for me so I can share it to others as well, and also put the Jesus' words into action. Thank God.

The first Sunday School class I ever taught was on the parables. Being new to teaching adults and wanting to do the best job possible while keeping the class fun, I read every book I could find on the subject. I found no "reference" book better than this one. It's not only a "fun read" but filled with

profound statements and material everyone can relate to. It's still, to my knowledge, the best book out there on the topic of Jesus's parables. There are so many gems in here that I often stop and just reflect and marvel at what I just read. I can't say that for most books: Christian or secular. Inrig is like a gifted preacher, making the Bible come alive and relating its messages to modern-day life in a practical-yet-interesting fashion. Reading this, I would often think, "Wow, am I lucky to have found this book; it is fantastic." I used a lot of material from a lot of books that "semester," but Inrig's book gave me the most material. My class didn't complain; they loved his stuff, too.

At the risk of starting this review sounding like an incorrigible elitist, I must confess that I prepare myself for disappointment when I open a popular Bible study guide like this one. I anticipate that it will be poorly written or captive to a provincial North American point of view or hopelessly naive regarding the biblical text. Gary Inrig's 188 pages on select parables of Jesus pleasant surprises on the first and third counts and does well on the second. His fresh, biblically aware presentation of twelve parables is just what the doctor ordered for the reader who wants to understand what Jesus' parables meant in their moment and what they mean for today. His style is a model of clarity. I am team-teaching a Sunday school class and had nothing to do with the selection of this text. A popular but motivated audience finds Ingrid's work accessible and illuminating. I heartily recommend **THE PARABLES. UNDERSTANDING WHAT JESUS MEANT** as a doorway into the fascinating world of Jesus' stories.

I have thoroughly enjoyed reading *Parables*. I didn't expect this book to be overflowing with facts on Jewish culture. Gary does an excellent job describing the context for each parable. Gary picked essential parables and truly helps you understand what Jesus meant. One nice surprise is Gary's theological application. If you like books that flow but have a deeper teaching then you should buy this book. Let this book be a deeper devotional or a study tool for your next teaching on a parable. I promise you will be inspired and encouraged by Gary's interpretation of the Parables.

I have read this book slowly and thoughtfully, letting Jesus' words sink in. This book has helped me to really grasp much of what Jesus meant in his stories. I will read this again and again.

This one gives great insight into the words of our Lord, giving dimensionality to his words that might otherwise be easily missed. I definitely recommend it to those who want to get the most out of what Jesus is saying to them and to others.

I wanted a book about Jesus' biblical parables. The reviews led me to this one by Gary Inrig. It is a wonderful and informative book. It references the parable discussed with a citation from the Bible and then puts the parable in its historical sociological context. I like that. Then Inrig puts the parable in a modern context. The book is not complex nor particularly scholarly; it sounds like a number of sermons on the topics. Especially with the parable about the prodigal son, one I have not understood since early Sunday school, Inrig's explanation made it clearer. I had hoped to write an erudite review, but this will have to do to persuade you to try this book.

We can learn from the Parables. This book offers excellent insights, some of which I don't find completely compelling. However, they provide a great resource for depth of understanding, reflection, and fodder for discussion. Even if you don't agree with the perspective of the author on a particular parable, you might better develop your own perspective through reflection and discussion with others.

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