

# Parables, Miracles, John the Baptist, and Disciples

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### 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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# Passages on the Apostles, Disciples, and Followers of Christ

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
1. The Call of the First Disciples	4:18–22	1:16–20	5:1–11	1:35–51
2. Would-be Followers	8:18–22		9:57–62	
3. Matthew and Tax Collecting	9:9–13	2:13–17	5:27–32	
4. Calling the Twelve	10:1–4	3:13–19	6:12–16	
5. The Mission of the Twelve	10:1–16	6:7–13	9:1–6	
6. Conditions of Discipleship	10:37–38		14:26–33	
7. Rewards of Discipleship	10:40–11:1	9:41		
8. Women Ministering to Jesus			8:2–3	
9. The Brothers of Jesus	12:46–50	3:31–35	8:19–21	2:12
10. Blessedness of Discipleship	13:16–17		10:23–24	
11. Thou Art the Christ	16:13–20	8:27–30	9:18–21	
12. The Conditions of Discipleship	16:24–28	8:34–9:1		8:31–38
13. The Mission of the Seventy			10:1–20	
14. Visiting Mary and Martha			10:38–42	
15. The Rich Young Ruler	19:16–30	10:17–31	18:18–30	
16. The Death of Lazarus				11:1–17
17. James and John	20:20–28	10:35–45		
18. Zacchaeus			19:2–9	
19. Peter’s Denial Foretold	26:31–35	14:27–31	22:31–34	13:36–38
20. The Naked Young Man		14:51–52		
21. Peter’s Denial of Christ	26:69–75	14:66–72	22:56–62	18:15–18, 25–27
22. Peter’s Second and Third Denial				18:25–27
23. Jesus Appears to Mary	28:9–10	16:9–11		20:11–18
24. Appearance to Ten Disciples	28:16–20	16:14–18	24:36–49	20:19–23
25. Jesus and Thomas				20:24–29
26. Appearance to Eleven Disciples				20:24–26
27. Appearance to Seven Disciples				21:1–14
28. Jesus and Peter				21:15–19
29. Jesus and John				21:20–25