

A “parable” is an illustrative story by which a familiar idea is cast beside an unfamiliar idea in such a way that the comparison helps people to better understand grasp the unfamiliar idea.

1. Kingdom seekers are joyfully ready to invest everything for what is to be gained.

*Matthew 13:44-46*

Is there anything that has so much value to you that you'd be willing to invest everything to have it?

**2. Jesus doesn't expect you to follow Him without first considering the cost.**

*Luke 14:28-33*



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The Gk word here translated as "hate" can mean that of strong distaste or full rejection, but it's a word of comparison that many commentators see better understood as "to renounce one choice in favor of another".

As the people in your relational worlds watch you live like Jesus really is the found treasure, they will notice that you haven't just "added Him" to your agendas and life, but that you truly are His follower who values Him above everything else.



3. When you know how it all ends, investing yourself in Jesus makes more sense than any other option.

*Matthew 16:25-27*

The eternal rewards of following Jesus in this temporary life will be so very worth it.



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