B. THE PARABLES

1. Two houses in a hurricane – Hearing and obeying result in a firm foundation.

Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-49

2. Forgiving the 50 and the 500 – He who owed the most will love the most.

Luke 7:41-42

3. Subduing a strong man – Jesus bound the devil, and then plundered him.

Mark 3:22-30

 The sower, the seed, and the soil – The power of the Word on diff. hearts – KINGDOM OF HEAVEN 1 Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15 – FOCUS

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- Satan's tares in the Savior's field The ongoing struggle for souls on earth – KINGDOM OF HEAVEN 2 Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43
- From scattering to sickling The time is short, the harvest will come – KINGDOM OF HEAVEN 3 and BE READY 1 Mark 4:26-29
- 7. The mighty mustard seed The spread of the Kingdom I (slightly negative = birds) KINGDOM OF HEAVEN 4 Matt. 13:31, 32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19
- The cook's leaven and the kingdom of heaven The spread of the Kingdom II (slightly negative = leaven) – KINGDOM OF HEAVEN 5

Mark 13:33; Luke 13:20-21

 Finding a fortune in a field – We are His treasure – JESUS LOVES YOU 1

Matt. 13:44

10. The pearl of great price – We are His pearl – JESUS LOVES YOU 2

Matt. 13:45-46

11. Sorting out a sea catch – Judgment is imminent - KINGDOM OF HEAVEN 6

Matt. 13:47-50

12. A trained man and his treasure – A good scribe will know the old stuff and learn the new stuff.

Matt. 13:52

13. A rent cloth and a ruptured container – Jesus' teaching was new stuff

Matt. 9:16-17 Mark 2:21-22; Luke 5:36-39

14. A generation of gripers – Damned if you do damned if you don't.

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Matt. 11:16-19; Luke 7:31-35
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15. The forgiven who wouldn't forgive – We are to forgive others – always.

Matt. 18:23-35

- 16. The Good Samaritan This one loved his neighbor for real. Luke 10:25-37
- 17. Seven spirits and a swept house In light of them asking for a sign, Jesus points out things will just be getting worse in the last days. Israel is apostate.

Matt. 12:43-45; Luke 11:24-26

- A fool in a fix Avoid temporal greed, you could die tomorrow. BE READY 2 Luke 12:16-21
- Keep the home fires burning Think eternally and be ready.
 BE READY 3

Luke 12:32-40

- A sinning servant and a returning ruler be ready, Jesus is coming back soon – BE READY 4 Matt. 24:45-51; Luke 12:42-48
- 21. A fruitless fig tree The importance of being fruitful it's a proof of salvation.

Luke 13:6-9

 Choosing the least at a wedding feast – The importance of humility with people - BE HUMBLE 1 Luke 14:7-11

23. Two fools and a henpecked husband – No good excuses for not coming to Jesus.

Luke 14:15-24

- 24. A missing sheep, misplaced silver, and a miserable son JESUS LOVES YOU 3
 - Luke 15:1-32
- 25. The stewings of a steward- Avoid greed Luke 16:1-13
- 26. The rich man and Lazarus Things are different in heaven BE READY 5

Luke 16:19-31

27. When our best is but the least – we don't technically deserve anything, we are just servants.

Luke 17:7-10

- 28. A widow and a weary judge be persistent in prayer Luke 18:1-8
- 29. A haughty Pharisee and a humble publican the importance of humility with God BE HUMBLE 2

Luke 18:9-14

- 30. The workers in the vineyard diff. times to get to heaven ON HEAVEN/REWARD 1 Matt. 20:1-16
- 31. Three stewards and their silver 10 minas ON HEAVEN/REWARD 2
 - Luke 19:11-27
- 32. Two sons who changed their minds shut up and do what God says.

Matt. 21:28-32

33. The vicious vinekeepers – a picture of the prophets and Jesus – the search was for fruit – be fruitful.

Matt. 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19

34. A wedding guest with no wedding garment – you must be born again.

Matt. 22:1-14

- 35. The fig tree and the future watch the times BE READY 6 Matt. 24:32-35; Mark 13:28-31; Luke 21:29-33
- 36. Five lamps that went out BE READY 7 Matt. 25:1-13
- 37. Three stewards and their talents ON HEAVEN/REWARD 3 Matt. 25:14-30
- 38. Separating the sheep from the goats BE READY 8 Matt. 25:31-46

8 PARABLES ON BEING READY

6 PARABLES ON THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

3 PARABLES ON JESUS LOVING YOU

3 PARABLES ON HEAVEN AND REWARD (AND A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE BEATITIUDES)

2 PARABLES ON HUMILTY

C. THE I AMS

John 8:23: And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I AM from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

John 8:12: Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I AM the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 8:58 - "Before Abraham, I AM"

- John 10:9: "I AM the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."
- John 10:11: "**I AM the good shepherd.** The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
- John 10:36: "do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, **'I am the Son of God'**?
- John 11:25: Jesus said to her, "**I AM the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.
- John 14:6: Jesus said to him, "I AM the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- John 15:1: "I AM the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Acts 9:5: And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I AM Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

The "I Am" in the Old Testament was whatever man needed He became, he was his all in all. Jesus in the New Testament uses all the examples to show who He is. He is everything to man and the only way to God.