



## Nine Parables of Jesus Section 64

### Overview

- Section 64 contains NINE parables of Jesus
  - No one gospel contains all nine
  - Several are very brief
  - One is exceptionally long
  - Two are explained by Jesus
  - Some parables closely parallel other parables Jesus gives
    - This should not be surprising

### Parables in Section 64

1. The Sower (Soils)
  - Longest
  - Fully explained by Jesus
  - Provides a model for interpretation
  - Where is the real emphasis? (i.e. is this the parable of the Sower? The Four Soils? The Seeds?)
  - Analogy of the hidden light
2. The Growing Seed
3. The Weeds among the Wheat
  - Fully explained by Jesus

### Parables of Section 64 (cont)

4. The Mustard Seed / Tree
5. The Yeast within the Dough
6. The Treasure Hidden in a Field
7. The Pearl of Great Price
8. The Net with Good Fish & Bad Fish
9. The House Owner

### What is a Parable?

- Jesus, by one count, gives us 38 separate parables making up about 35% of his teachings. But, what is a parable?
  - Two aspects:
    - Realism
      - Parables describe genuine things that occur in life (unlike, for example, fables)
      - Symbolism – by definition a parable is saying something *other than just the literal story*.
  - Most (but not all) parables are illustrating a single key point