

SIMPLIFY COMPLICATED THINGS

“He told many things in parables...”

One of the most unique methods that Jesus used to teach was telling ‘*many things in parables.*’

He used the common things of His day, such as farming or fishing, to serve as illustrations to spread the Good News.

What do we learn about Jesus from the parables? We learn of His simplicity. To use a modern expression, we could say He was down to earth and approached people on a level of their understanding.

This is the mark of a true Teacher as He can express Himself in a simple way to be understood by all. Sadly, we all have the ability to complicate simple things but only a few of us have the ability to simplify complicated things.

But simplify we must.

An old priest shares this insightful experience with a group of newly-ordained deacons: *“Remind yourself that your parishioners would prefer simple things. So simplify **their world** and **your words**. When a thought is too weak to be expressed simply, simply drop it.”*

Sounds like a terribly good advice, doesn't it?

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