



"No Ordinary Man"  
Chapter 24  
"The Story"

Early on there were some who recognized Jesus as no ordinary man.



Mary and Joseph  
Shepherds  
Anna and Simeon  
Magi

As he began his ministry, some in the crowd began to recognize something special about Jesus



Jesus often taught in parables

A parable is often described as an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

Simple stories to help make His teaching more understandable.

Most of them were from agriculture. Parables often concealed the truth about the Kingdom of God to those who lacked an interest in the truth or a humble heart needed to truly listen to Jesus.



The parable of the sower and the seed, indicates how the seed of the Word is received. (second Lenten service)

For some, "it goes in one ear and out the other."

There are those who receive it with joy but have no root and Satan comes and quickly takes it away.

Others receive it with joy but when difficulties come they lose interest.

There are those who upon receiving it are filled with joy and remain faithful even in the difficult times and produce a harvest for eternity



The parables of the lost coin, sheep and prodigal son are told to help us see the great love God has for all of mankind. He searches for us.

The parable of the good Samaritan teaches how we are to see our neighbor. How we are to respond to those in need.

As Jesus teaches the parables they tell us that life in the Kingdom is not easy, yet, God will provide the strength to remain faithful.



For many the Sermon on the Mount can be their favorite because it proclaims the blessings of those who follow Jesus in faith.

Pointing out the many difficulties in life it reminds the believer how blessed they are to follow Jesus.

The blessings we receive are not something we earn but they are precious gifts from God.

He even shows us how we ought to pray giving us the perfect prayer.



When one reads through the Gospels and see his wonderful teachings, you can't help but see Him as no ordinary man.

His many miracles were not done for show but to demonstrate His power over the forces of this world.

He cast out demons, note that the demons recognized who he was.

He walked on water, calmed the storm, showing His power over nature.

He healed the sick and raised the dead to show His power over life and death.



In this chapter we come face to face with two kings.

There is the earthly king who is an immoral tyrant.

He has John the Baptist beheaded due a foolish oath.

His focus was on himself.

We see the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

He appears to have nothing, he presents himself in humility to the world.

He shows concern for all people, making no distinctions.

He showed great concern for the eternal welfare of all he came into contact.



By speaking in terms of being the bread of life he confused many and left them troubled by that thought.

In speaking in this kind of language he was telling us He was no ordinary man.

He is the bread of life because he can meet all our spiritual needs, making us right with God.

While there was nothing appealing about this man as Isaiah says, He truly demonstrates that he is unlike us, there is something special about Him.