

Wonderful words

Parable: a story Jesus told that has a special meaning

Kingdom: an area controlled by a King or Queen

Forgiving: stopping blaming or punishing someone for that they have done

Salvation: being saved or rescued so that humans are no longer separated from God

Unforgiving: to continue to blame someone for what they have done

Banquet: a very large meal usually for a celebration

Inheritance: when something is passed on to someone else

Social: being part of society

Unjust: not behaving in a way that is morally right or fair

Biblical: relating to, or in the Bible

So how does it all work?



Important information

Throughout his life Jesus told **parables** to help the people understand what the **Kingdom** of God was like and to invite people to join his kingdom.

These **Biblical** stories or parables, such as the stories of The Great **Banquet** and the **Unforgiving Son** tell Christians they should accept God's invitation to become part of his kingdom and not to be distracted by things in the world.

In the parable of the Unforgiving Son a young man was given his **inheritance** by his father but when a great famine came he lost all of his money and he went back to his father who forgave him and welcomed him. In this, Jesus taught that **forgiving** people is at the heart of what it is to be part of God's kingdom.

Christians follow what Jesus told them to do and many of them will challenge **unjust social** structures in their local area and around the world by supporting charities that help those less fortunate than themselves.

By acting as Jesus told them to, Christians believe that they will have **salvation** and will be able to be near to God as the events of the Fall meant that people fell away from God.