

## Gospel of Thomas Parables

### Thomas 20

The disciples said to Jesus: Tell us what the kingdom of heaven is like. He said to them: It is like a grain of mustard-seed, the smallest of all seeds; but when it falls on tilled ground, it puts forth a great branch and becomes shelter for the birds of the sky.

### Thomas 64

Jesus said: A man had guests; and when he had prepared the dinner, he sent his servants to invite the guests. He went to the first, and said to him: "My master invites you." He said: "I have money with some merchants; they are coming to me this evening. I will go and give them my orders. I ask to be excused from the dinner." He went to another (and) said to him: "My master invites you." He said to him: "I have bought a house, and I am asked for a day. I shall not have time." He went to another (and) said to him: "My master invites you." He said to him: "My friend is about to be married, and I am to arrange the dinner. I shall not be able to come. I ask to be excused from dinner." He went to another, he said to him: "My master invites you." He said to him: "I have bought a farm; I am going to collect the rent. I shall not be able to come. I ask to be excused." The servant came back (and) said to his master: "Those whom you have invited to dinner have asked to be excused." The master said to his servant: "Go out to the roads, bring those whom you find, that they may dine." Traders and merchants [shall] not [enter] the places of my Father.

### Thomas 96

Jesus [said:] The kingdom of the Father is like a woman. She took a little leaven, [hid] it in dough, (and) made large loaves of it. He who has ears, let him hear.

### Thomas 97

Jesus said: The kingdom of the [Father] is like a woman carrying a jar full of meal. While she was walking [on a] distant road, the handle of the jar broke (and) the meal poured out behind her on the road. She was unaware, she had not noticed a problem. When she came to her house, she put the jar down (and) found it empty.