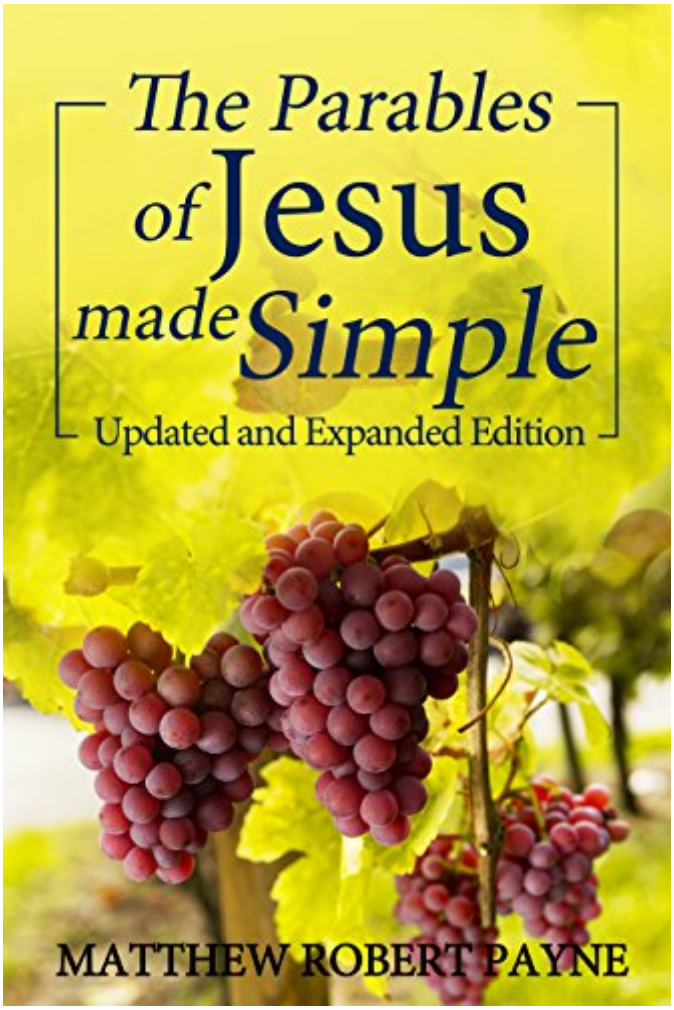
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Synopsis

You can live for many years and sit through many sermons without ever really coming to an in-depth understanding of the parables of Jesus. If you want to serve and obey Jesus, you should endeavour to understand the fundamentals of these teachings of Jesus. In this, his twenty-seventh book, Matthew Robert Payne unpacks the parables for today and shows how you can live the life that Jesus promoted when he was on earth. This is the updated and expanded edition of the book he originally published in 2011.Two reviewers of his original book said this: Ã¢â ¬Å“With heart-challenging explanations of the parables of Jesus, Matthew Robert Payne shares pieces of his life in the framework of the fifty-four parables of Jesus covered in The Parables of Jesus made Simple. This collection of essays reads like a scholarly, yet genuine conversation with a good friend and is written with honesty, transparency, and vigor. Matthew invites you to read the lessons of Christ, often times pleading with the reader to take hold of the weight of the words, then stepping back and offering no-nonsense applications for lifeÃ¢â ¬Â¦this book is definitely worth bringing into your library and your life.Ã¢â ¬Â•Angela DickenFreelance WriterÃ¢â ¬Å“You don’t need a PhD to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. You need selfless dedication, humility, and a hunger for truthÃ¢â ¬Â¦after sixty years on this earth, I have heard a few sermons, and Mr. Payne’s book stands as a delightful treasure.Ã¢â ¬Â•RC MartinProfessional Editor

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Customer Reviews

I have read many books by author Matthew Robert Payne. In each one he blesses the reader with his detailed honesty and passion for the Lord. I love this book because it is a practical guide to studying the parables that our Lord taught when he was here on earth preaching to the multitudes with His disciples. Matthew brings a refreshing approach by conveying personal accounts of his own struggles and shares finding the Lord through each one. The parables are laid out very plainly and explained in laymen terms making sometimes complicated subject matter wonderfully simplified. It is an excellent in-depth look in an uncomplicated way.But, be prepared to be challenged with a call to duty and to also look introspectively at your own Christian walk as you read each chapter. Are we as Christians emulating Jesus and displaying His heart to the world and actually taking action do to what we can do? It’s a book that informs, explains and inspires what a winning trifecta! I enjoyed this book tremendously and am proud to have this as an addition to my library.

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The book gives a well rounded glimpse of how the kingdom operates. However, the book is rather wordy and calls several of the metaphors that Jesus spoke, parables.

This is a very comprehensive book about the parables and stories that Jesus told. The book is quite lengthy, but Mr. Payne explains each story from the point of view of his own understanding and with a deep concern for the reader. He brings some of his life challenges into the book. This helps to make the book more relevant to our modern world.It is clearly evident that Mr. Payne is a passionate Christian man who wears his heart on his sleeve. He doesn’t come across as preachy or egotistical. He admits he’s made his fair share of mistakes in life. He wants us to understand those who struggle in their faith and in their personal lives. He has evidently learned a lot from the difficult path that he has travelled. He gleans wisdom from some of the great and reputable Christian minds

of today.This book is something that you will want to refer to over and over again. Although it is not a reference book, it can be used as such when you need another perspective on any of Jesus' famous stories. It cannot be read in one sitting. A chapter a day will give you new food for thought for 54 days. Consider it a growth journey in your spiritual life, to add to your devotional readings.

Thank you, this is an excellent book

One thing that I really love about this book, is Matthew Robert PayneÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s brutal honesty and candor. I have sat through many sermons on earth, and heard many people speak on the parables but I am not sure anyone has presented them with such depth and wisdom. Mr PayneÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s honest, and simple approach to them, make them very simple to understand. He gives you permission not to take his word for what he is saying but in a kind and heartfelt way simply offers his own personal and Holy Spirit led insights in to the age old stories that Jesus told.I do want to warn you however about two things. If you are used to teachers who teach doctrine without personal analogies to open up the subject, and you like the word taught that way, you are going to really have to adapt to a new way of learning with the author. He is very open about his sin life, and personal struggles and this way of teaching made the author very endearing to me.The second warning I have to say is that the author is very passionate about us not being hearers of the word only and not doers. if you are looking to read a book that will make you feel good about not practicing your faith through action, this is not the book for you. You get a sense that Mr. Payne is very active in giving to the homeless and being Christ everywhere that he goes.In summary, I have to say that this is by far the best teaching I have ever heard on the parables and it is leading me to totally rethink how I live my Christian life in practice. I give it 5 stars.

Payne takes the parables Jesus told and discusses them, but he tends to ramble off-topic a lot, although his basic theology is sound. When he doesnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t have enough to say about a parable to make a chapter, he goes back and reviews other parables with information already discussed. There were some parts of his personal examples that made me a bit uncomfortable, and he uses them a lot. I can appreciate the fact that he didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t try to hide these failures, however, IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m not sure it strengthened this book on the parables to address them so often. In fact, too much of the book was about Payne instead of the parables. There were some details that I questioned, and some of his writing seemed speculative. The book seemed much longer than the page number indicates, but I still found the book worthwhile if one reads with

discernment.

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