

Four Questions

These are questions we should ask to help us understand the intent of Jesus parables, sayings, sermons, created moments for decision, etc.

Who/what groups was/were Jesus addressing? (e.g., opponents, followers, people in need, Jews or foreigners/gentiles, or a mixed group?)

What was Jesus trying to do to/for the different people/groups in his presence? (Unite or divide, encourage or rebuke, challenge or reassure that all was well)

What is there about the method he used that helped accomplish his purpose with those present?

What was Jesus trying to reveal about himself and the Kingdom of God?