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In Jesus' time, people on the margins were those who were left out or treated unfairly, such as sinners, gentiles, the sick, women, and widows. Jesus showed love and respect to these people, treating them as equals. Catholics believe Jesus set an example, and they should also care for those who are ignored or left out in society.

Links to future learning

The **Kingdom of God** is a time when people live the way God wants. Catholics believe Jesus began the Kingdom of God on earth through his words and actions, and this is a key theme in Mark's Gospel. The Kingdom is open to everyone, especially the poor and those in need. Catholics believe they should help bring about the Kingdom by following God's will and doing good, such as showing mercy and helping others. The Church also helps build the Kingdom through the sacraments, including the Anointing of the Sick, which brings comfort to those who are ill.

Why do people sin and how can they stay close to God?

Jesus taught using **parables**, which are simple stories with deeper meanings. Each parable has a literal meaning and a spiritual meaning. One spiritual meaning is the moral sense, which teaches Christians how to live good and holy lives. Jesus used parables to help people understand important messages. He often spoke about the growth of God's Kingdom, the need for mercy, and what will happen at the end of time. In the parable of the Sower, Jesus taught people how to grow the Kingdom of God in their lives. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, he showed the importance of forgiveness and compassion. In the parable of the Sheep and the Goats, he explained that people will be judged by how they treat others. Many Christians believe this teaches that helping others is the same as helping Christ.

 Key Words

Kingdom: Where God is in charge and people live by His laws and commandments.

Moral sense of Scripture: What the Bible teaches us about how to live a good and holy life.

Miracles: Amazing events that only God could do, showing His power and love. Jesus' miracles showed that God's Kingdom had arrived.

Parables: Simple stories that teach a moral or spiritual lesson.

Anointing of the Sick: A Sacrament of Healing that gives comfort, strength, and forgiveness to those who are seriously ill.

Jesus performed **miracles** that showed his power over nature, sickness, evil, and death. These miracles revealed what God's Kingdom is like and helped people understand who Jesus really is. When Jesus healed people, like the paralysed man, he showed that those who were often left out were welcomed into God's Kingdom. Christians believe the miracles show that Jesus is truly God. They also teach that having faith in Jesus is the first step towards being saved.

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