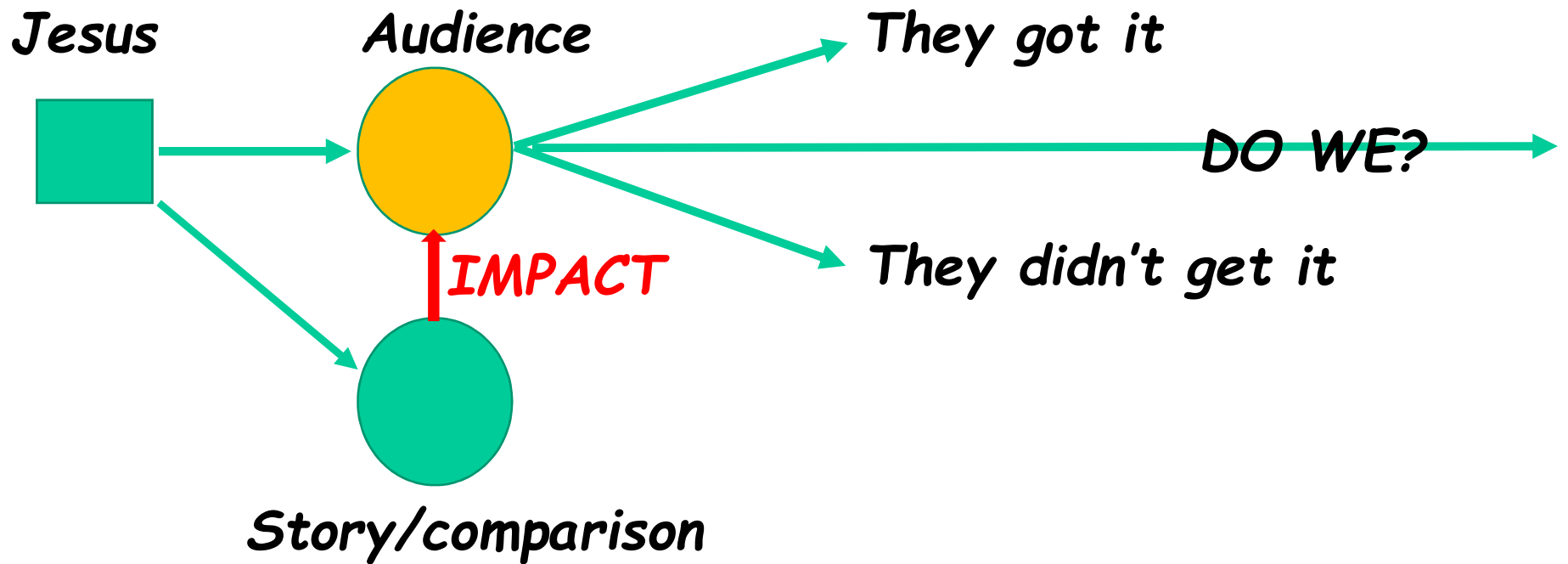




Who moved my cheese?





*Short story or comparison to
elicit an intended response
by the hearers*

The past interrupted!

Jesus begins to test His Own

<i>Need a Physician to reach God's Kingdom</i>	<i>(Matthew 9:12-13, Mark 2:17, Luke 5:31-32)</i>
<i>Bridegroom and fasting</i>	<i>(Matthew 9:14-17, Mark 2:18-20, Luke 5:33-35)</i>
<i>No good to put new patch on old clothing</i>	<i>(Matthew 9:16, Mark 2:21, Luke 5:36)</i>
<i>New wine into new wineskins</i>	<i>(Matthew 9:17, Mark 2:22, Luke 5:37-38)</i>

Call to prepare for the One Promised

		Audience
Luke 3	12 Tax collectors also came to (John the Baptist) to be baptised. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" 13 "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.	The crowds at the Jordan

Call to Himself as the One Promised

		Audience	Response
Luke 4	20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."	everyone in the synagogue in Nazareth	22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.

Call to Himself but the Response of Rejection

		Audience	Response
Luke 4	24 "I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his home town. 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."	All the people in the Nazareth synagogue were furious when they heard this.	29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff.

Call to Himself as the Divine Redeemer

		Audience	Response
Luke 5	20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."	21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?"	26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe

Call to Himself as the One to be Believed & Followed

Luke 5	27 ¶ After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, 28 and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. 29 Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. 30 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"
	33 They said to him, "John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking."

Call to Himself as the One to be Believed & Followed

Luke 5:30 The Pharisees and their scribes began grumbling at His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and [b]sinners?" 31 And Jesus answered and said to them, "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Call to Himself as the One Who Brings the New (Again)

³³ And they said to Him, "The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers, the disciples of the Pharisees also do [^c]the same, but Yours eat and drink." ³⁴ And Jesus said to them, "You cannot make the [^d]attendants (Lit, sons) of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? ³⁵ But the days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days."

Jesus' Wakeup Call to Engage in His New

³⁶ And He was also telling them a parable: "No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old."



***37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined. 38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39 And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good enough.'"* NASB**



Pharisees	Jesus	
Question 1		Eat and drink with publicans & sinners?
	Answer 1	I am there as the doctor to the sick
		I have come to call the sinners to repentance
		I have not come to call the righteous
Question 2		Why do your followers not fast & pray like us?
	Answer 2	Should the sons of the bridegroom fast while preparing together for the wedding feast?
		They will fast when the bridegroom leaves them.
		Supporting parable

Pharisees	Jesus	
Old garment	New garment	I am here to bring the new.
		I have not come to patch with a little of the new over the hole in the old.
		The new would have a hole in it, and
		the old would be torn apart as the new patch would tear the old.
Old wineskins	New wineskins	I am here to bring the new.
		No one would put the new in the old wineskin bottles.
		The old would be torn apart and the new wine would be lost.
		New wine must be put in new wineskins.



THEN	FOR US
Self righteous leadership: They need to acknowledge their sin, and turn to Him for repentance	If reliance on self righteousness before God, repent and turn to Jesus for His righteousness
Jesus' true followers are helping Him to prepare for true fellowship with God	Our work is to follow Him as our Saviour, Teacher, and Lord
Fast when Jesus leaves them.	Fasting has a place in the new.
They need to acknowledge their sin, and turn to Him for repentance	Self righteousness is an ongoing threat for Christians.
Their leadership must yield to the Bridegroom who came to them	Recognize the Lord as the Husband and live as His cherished Bride.
Patching Me over what you are will not work.	Beware of patching from the world to the church.
I have come to bring back the new to my people.	Look to Him as our direct Leader.
The old leadership must cease for the new joy to come.	Weed out the legalism, self reliance, & worldly wisdom.
Their conclusion that ours is better must stop.	Ditto!
I have come to bring the refreshing of direct fellowship with Me.	Live in the appreciation of t joys and blessings that come only from our Lord!



