Jesus said, “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his prop - er -
ty to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to an-oth-er two, to an-oth-er one, to each according to his
a-bil - i - ty. Then he went a-way. 16 The one who had re-ceived the five tal-ents went off at once and
traded with them, and made five more tal-ents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two tal-ents
made two more tal-ents. 18 But the one who had re-ceived the one tal-ent went off and dug a hole in the
ground and hid his master’s mon-ey. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled ac-
counts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bring-ing five more
tal-ents, say-ing, ‘Mas-ter, you hand-ed o-ver to me five tal-ents; see, I have made five more tal-ents.’ 21
His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trust-wor-thy slave; you have been trust-wor-thy in a few
things, I will put you in charge of man-y things; enter into the joy of your mas-ter.’ 22 And the one with

the two tal-ents al-so came for-ward, say-ing, ‘Master, you hand-ed o-ver to me two tal-ents; see, I have

made two more tal-ents.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trust-wor-thy slave; you have

been trust-wor-thy in a few things, I will put you in charge of man-y things; enter into the joy of your

mas-ter.’ 24 Then the one who had re-ceived the one tal-ent al-so came for-ward, say-ing, ‘Mas-ter, I

knew that you were a harsh man, reap-ing where you did not sow, and gath-er where you did not

scat-ter seed; 25 so I was a-fraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is

yours.’ 26 But his master replied, ‘You wicked and la-zy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I

did not sow, and gath-er where I did not scat-ter? 27 Then you ought to have in-vest-ed my mon-ey with
the bank-ers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with in-terest. 28 So take the
tal-ent from him, and give it to the one with the ten tal-ents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be
giv-en, and they will have an a-bun-dance; but from those who have noth-ing, even what they have will be tak-en a-way. 30 As for this worth-less slave, throw him into the outer dark-ness, where there will
be weep-ing and gnash-ing of teeth.’

The Gos-pel of the Lord. 
Praise to you, Lord Christ.