

Pronouncement Stories in the Gospels: Some Examples

Correction Stories

- let the dead bury the dead
(Matt. 8:21–22)
- forgive seventy-seven times
(Matt. 18:21–22)
- whoever wants to be first
(Mark 9:33–35)
- whoever is not against us
(Mark 9:38–40)
- who is truly blessed (Luke 11:27–28)

Commendation Stories

- the confession by Peter
(Matt. 16:13–20)
- the generous widow
(Mark 12:21–44)
- the woman who anoints Jesus
(Mark 14:3–9)

Controversy Stories

- eating with sinners (Mark 2:15–17)
- Jesus' disciples don't fast
(Mark 2:18–22)
- picking grain on the Sabbath
(Mark 2:23–28)
- eating with defiled hands
(Mark 7:1–15)
- by what authority? (Mark 11:27–33)
- paying taxes to Caesar
(Mark 12:13–17)
- whose wife will she be?
(Mark 12:18–27)

See Robert C. Tannehill, "The Gospels and Narrative Literature," in *The New Interpreters Bible: New Testament Survey* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2005), 1–16.