

Public vs Private

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Public Teaching		Private Instruction
¹ Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ² And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³ “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.	4:1-9 + 4:10-20, 33-34	¹⁰ And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹ And he said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables ... ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.
¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, “... ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.”	7:1-15 + 7:17-23	¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable ... ²⁰ And he said, “... ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts ... ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”
¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute ... So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.”	9:14-27 + 9:28-29	²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹ And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”
¹ And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them ... ⁵ And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”	10:1-9 + 10:10-11	¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her”
¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”	10:17-22 + 10:23-31	²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

The *public teaching* of Jesus is followed by *private instruction* to his disciples (e.g., 4:1–12, 33–34; 7:14–23; 10:1–10) or *public acts* similarly followed by *private explanation* (9:14–29).

Here the contrast between those “within” and those “without” appears to have determined this pattern of organization.

Paul J. Achtemeier, *Anchor Yale Bible Dictionary*, 549-551