The women disciples mentioned in Scripture:
1. Mary Magdalene: cured of seven demons
2. Joanna: the wife of Cuza, Herod Antipas’ steward
3. Susanna: a woman of the Galilee
4. Salome: the mother of James and John Zebedee
5. Mary of Cleophas*: mother of James the Lesser and Jose
6. The Virgin Mary’s sister*
7. Martha of Bethany: Jesus raised her brother Lazarus from the dead
8. Mary of Bethany: sister of Martha and Lazauz
9. Mary of Jerusalem: mother of John-Mark
10. Mary of Nazareth: the Virgin Mary, Jesus faithful mother
*Mary of Cleophas/Clopas may be the Virgin Mary’s kinswoman (“sister”); see Jn 19:25.

In the parable teachings, Jesus’ focus is on responding to the word of God. The Seed and the Sower: The Sower is Jesus, the field is the world, and the soil represents 4 kinds of people:
1. Those who refuse to accept the word and become susceptible to the influence of Satan (vs. 5 & 12).
2. Those who receive the word for a time but lose faith because of persecution and their personal shallowness (vs. 6 & 13).
3. Those who receive the word and believe, but the word is chocked out by worldly concerns or ambition for worldly riches and pleasures (vs. 7 &14).
4. Those who receive the word, believe, and in faith apply the word to their lives in producing fruit/good works in abundance (vs. 8 & 15).

The Parable of the Lamp:
The faithful disciple is the lamp; Jesus lights the lamp with the “word”; the light is the “word” illuminated by the faith of the disciple that is evidenced by his righteous deeds, and is radiated out to the world from the lampstand that is the Church.

Jarius’ daughter and the bleeding woman: symbols of Israel

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<td>The official’s daughter is 12 years old (Mk 5:42)</td>
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<td>Jesus came to heal Israel and to raise the faithful remnant of Israel from bondage to death to new life in Christ Jesus.</td>
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Jesus conducted His ministry in the Galilee by:
1. Proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom
2. Teaching the people and interpreted Scripture
3. Curing different illnesses and afflictions
4. Forgiving sins
5. Purifying the ritually unclean
6. Casting out demons
7. With the authority to command nature
8. Raising the dead

In Luke 9:1-2 Jesus gave the Apostles the power and authority:
1. To cast out unclean spirits
2. To cure every disease and heal the sick
3. To proclaim the Kingdom of God (4:43; 8:1).

St. Matthew (10:1, 7-8) records that He also gave them the power:
4. To raise the dead
5. To cleanse the impure

The similarities between the miracle feeding of the more than 5 thousand and the miracle feeding at the Last Supper:

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*according to the Law, the feast of the Passover victim began after sundown (Ex 12:8; Mt 26:20).

In addition to the Transfiguration, the presence of God the Holy Spirit has been manifested in a cloud:
1. The Pillar of Cloud that led the children of Israel on the Exodus journey (Ex 13:21-22)
2. In the overshadowing cloud that took possession of the desert Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant (Ex 40:34).
3. The cloud that filled the newly dedicated Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem (1 Kng 8:10-14; 2 Chr 5:13-14).
4. The cloud that overshadowed the Virgin Mary at the moment of the Incarnation of the Christ (Lk 1:35).

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