



The King and His Kingdom *Matthew 13*

“Jesus Teaches and Reaches Regular People!”

A Parable is best described as *an earthly story with a heavenly meaning and one main point*. They conceal and then reveal. In this chapter he uses seven parables; he explains three and four are very short.

13:1-23 The Parable of the Sower (Superficial or Genuine Believers) Public teaching

- Jesus has grown immensely popular
- Doesn't Jesus want everyone to be a believer? Of course but He knows some will and many won't. Jesus words are a mystery in that we cannot fully grasp the fact that God wants all to be saved. God alone grants salvation to His “elect” but at the same time sinners are fully responsible for their persistence in sin and condemnation. This Isaiah text is quoted six times in the NT. (Pearls before swine...)
- Four types of soil but only one is fertile for salvation.
Reminder: The Christian life is not a sprint but a long race.

2 Cor.5:11 *“Therefore, because we know the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people, but we are well known to God, and I hope we are well known to your consciences too.” NET*

1 Cor. 3:6-7 *“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but **God made it grow**. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.” NIV*

13:24-30 The Parable of the Weeds (Counterfeit Kingdom)
The weeds are most likely darnel, a weed that looks like wheat.

Main Point: *“No...Let both grow together until the harvest. At harvest time I'll tell the reapers: Gather the weeds first and tie them in bundles to burn them, but store the wheat in my barn.”*

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13:31-35 Parables of the Mustard seed and the Yeast

Main Point for both: “Although the Kingdom will seem to have an insignificant beginning, it will spread throughout the world.” Concordia Self Study Bible

- When Jesus ascended there were 120 Christians (Acts 1:15)
- Today there are an estimated 2.2 billion Christians
- Est. 19,725 become Christian each day

13:36-43 Parable of the Weeds explained to the Disciples (Private teaching time)

Main Point: Judgment Day really is coming! Heaven is real but so is Hell. There are no other options available.

13:44-45 Hidden Treasure and the Pearl.

Main Point: Nothing in this life is worth more than being in the Kingdom of Heaven. (“hidden to revealed” so never give up)

13:47-52 Parable of the Net. Much the same conclusion as the Parable of the Weeds; Jesus will separate it all out in the end.

13:53-58 A Prophet is without honor in his hometown.

Summary of this Chapter by Jesus

Matt 13:51-52 *“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. 52 He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.” NIV*

Old and new = former truths are still true but given greater clarity in the new light of Christ. Christ is the fulfillment of the OT.

Questions: Which are your favorite Parables and why?
Does the key thought from the Parable of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl of Great Price encourage you concerning friends and family who have drifted from faith?

This Sunday Missionary Fung Lo shares based on Matthew 14