

## The Parables of Jesus: More than Good Stories-Part 1 Matthew 13:10-17

The only one of the five sermons of Jesus in Matthew that is addressed to a \_\_\_\_\_ crowd of believers and nonbelievers

As \_\_\_\_\_ increased Jesus began to increasingly teach in parables

What is a parable? A short story dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ life issues revealing a \_\_\_\_\_ truth (regarding the Kingdom of Heaven)

### Why Parables?

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ and to conceal
2. To clarify and to \_\_\_\_\_
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ and to take away

Reason 1: To be a \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are \_\_\_\_\_ God's people

Matthew 13:11-12

The parables reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom  
The parables \_\_\_\_\_ the teaching of the Kingdom  
The parables give divine \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom

Reason 2: As a form of \_\_\_\_\_ on those who are not God's people

Matthew 13:11-13

The parables \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of the Kingdom  
The parables bring \_\_\_\_\_ about the Kingdom  
The parables take away what \_\_\_\_\_ people thought they had about the Kingdom

Reason 3: Through the teaching of the parables Jesus ministry begins to be seen as a \_\_\_\_\_ of the ministry of the prophet Isaiah

Matthew 13:14-15

### *Isaiah the prophet*

Taught a small \_\_\_\_\_ of the faithful  
The vast majority of people \_\_\_\_\_ his message  
The small remnant that followed him would grow into a \_\_\_\_\_ people of God

### *Jesus the great Prophet*

Taught a small remnant of the \_\_\_\_\_  
The vast \_\_\_\_\_ of people rejected His message  
The small remnant that followed Him would \_\_\_\_\_ into a new people of God

Reason 4: To show that the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ had come  
Matthew 13:16-17