

Week 4: Intro to the parables + Parables of the kingdom

Objective:

- Learn the parables and their meanings
- How can we apply what we learned in our lives

Resources:

- [Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary on Matthew](#)
- [Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary on Luke](#)
- [Catena Bible Commentary \(Matthew\)](#)
- [Catena Bible Commentary \(Luke\)](#)
- [HEMY's Bible study on Matthew](#)
- [HEMY's Bible study on Luke](#)

Reading:

- Matthew 13

Key verse(s):

- "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Matthew 13:9

Comments:

- A parable is a story in which a special meaning or a spiritual lesson is embedded
- A way to deliver the message in a simple way
- Parables are found only in the synoptic Gospels
- They are often stories based on the agricultural life that was familiar to His audience
- Some unfamiliar concepts, such as the kingdom of God, were compared to something from everyday life that could easily be understood
- It is the lesson of a parable that is important to us.
- "It is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning"

Parable	Matthew	Mark	Luke
The Sower	13:3-23	4:2-20	8:4-15
The Hidden Treasure	13:44		

The Pearl of Great Price	13:45, 46		
The Growing Seed		4:26-29	
The Mustard Seed	13:31, 32	4:30-32	13:18, 19
The Leaven	13:33		13:20, 21
The Hidden Treasure	13:44		
The Tares*	13:24-30		
The Dragnet*	13:47-50		

Like the seed (Mk 4:26) Fruits based soil. Like the leaven, & mustard seed (Mt 13:31; Mk 4:30) Starts small, invisible but grows by God's grace Like hidden treasure, & Pearl of great price (Mt 13:44) valuable, worth the sacrifice, joy for the finder! Like wheat & tares, net (Mt 13:24) Opposition to the Kingdom Co-existence of good and evil until judgment (harvest, net cast).

- "Hear" occurs 19 times in Mt 13, 7 times in the parable. "Seed" - Word of God: (1) has life, (2) must be planted, (3) nurtured, (4) bears fruit. "Soil #1"- Hard, on rocky path, stolen by bird (Satan) "Soil #2" - shallow root, withers under persecution (flesh). "Soil #3" - Crowded, choked by thorns of the world (riches). "Soil #4" - Good. fruitful. Hears, receives, believes, & obeys. Which soil are you? Which soil do you want to be?

Review/recap questions:

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Homework:

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