

Week 6: Parables of the Jewish Rejection + Parables of Readiness

Objective:

- Review the meaning of parables
- Discuss the "Jewish Rejection" and "Readiness" as categories of parables
 - Explain their meanings
- Read the parables and identify practical lessons we can learn from them

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 21: 28-32 (The Parable of the Two Sons)
- Matthew 21:33-46 (The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers)
- Matthew 22:1-14 (The Parable of the Wedding Feast)
- Mathew 25:1-30 (The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins & The Parable of the Talents)
- Luke 12:13-21 (The Parable of the Rich Fool)

Key verse(s):

- "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming." Matthew 25:13

Comments:

- "All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, 35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; (Psalm 78:2) I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world." (Matthew 13:34-35)

"And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples." (Mark 4:33-34)

- 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"
- **Jewish rejection:** These are parables which describe how the Lord rejected the Jews.
 - The Lord cared for the Israelites, he provided for them and he looked after them for hundreds of years. They were not faithful towards Him and went after other Gods. Therefore the Lord rejected them and made salvation possible for everyone who believes in Him and live a holy life.
- **Readiness Parables:** These are parables which encourage us to be ready for the second coming. Like the parable of the wise and foolish virgins

Review/recap questions:

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Homework:

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