

“The Kingdom’s Volume: The Farm the Kitchen & the Sea”



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Matt. 13:1 ¶ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

Matt. 13:2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

Matt. 13:3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow....



Matt. 13:10 ¶ Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

Matt. 13:11 He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.



Luke 17:20 ¶ Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed;
Luke 17:21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."



Matt. 7:21 ¶ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

Matt. 7:22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’

Matt. 7:23 Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’



Matt. 13:31 ¶ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

Matt. 13:32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."



Matt. 13:33 ¶ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."



Matt. 13:44 ¶ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.



Matt. 13:45 ¶ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

Matt. 13:46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.



Matt. 13:47 ¶ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; Matt. 13:48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.



Parables of the Kingdom

- ◆ Good Seeds sown in a field
- ◆ Tiny Mustard seeds
- ◆ Yeast in dough
- ◆ Pearl buried in a field
- ◆ Pearl found by accident



Matt. 13:24 ¶ He put before them another parable:

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;

Matt. 13:25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

Matt. 13:26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.



Matt. 13:27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'

Matt. 13:28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'



Matt. 13:29 But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

Matt. 13:30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'”



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2007

Anti gay
Hypocritical
Judgmental
Irrelevant,
too political

2015

The problem ~ not
the solution

49% feel that aid,
social justice would
be done without us

2018

Against more than they
are for

The don't seem to be
different

Act like they have no
problems



What do they want?

“I would like to have a Christian friend”

“I would like to learn about the Bible from them”

“I would like to learn to be a better person”

“I wish they would invite me to church”



“...Your success will not depend so much upon your knowledge and accomplishments, as upon your ability to find your way to the heart...” Gospel Workers, 193



Matt. 13:13 The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.'

