

Good Stories

Stories And Illustrations

Matthew 13:34-35 “Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables. This fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet: ‘I will speak to you in parables. I will explain things hidden since the creation of the world.’ ”

Psalms 78:2-3 “...for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past— stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us.”

Matthew 13:31-32 “Here is another illustration Jesus used: ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.’ ”

How It _____ “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field.” (v.31)

Matthew 13:54-55 “He returned to Nazareth, his hometown. When he taught there in the synagogue, everyone was amazed and said, ‘Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?’ Then they scoffed, ‘*He’s just the carpenter’s son*, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers—James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas.’ ”

Matthew 16:18 “Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”

How It _____ “It is the smallest of all seeds...” (v.32a)

Matthew 15:34-36 “Jesus asked, ‘How much bread do you have?’

They replied, ‘Seven loaves, and a few small fish.’ So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to the disciples, who distributed the food to the crowd.”

Acts 3:6 “But Peter said, ‘I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!’ ”

What It _____ “It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.” (v.32)

John 14:5 “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

John 14:8 “Philip said, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ ”

John 14:12-14 “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!”