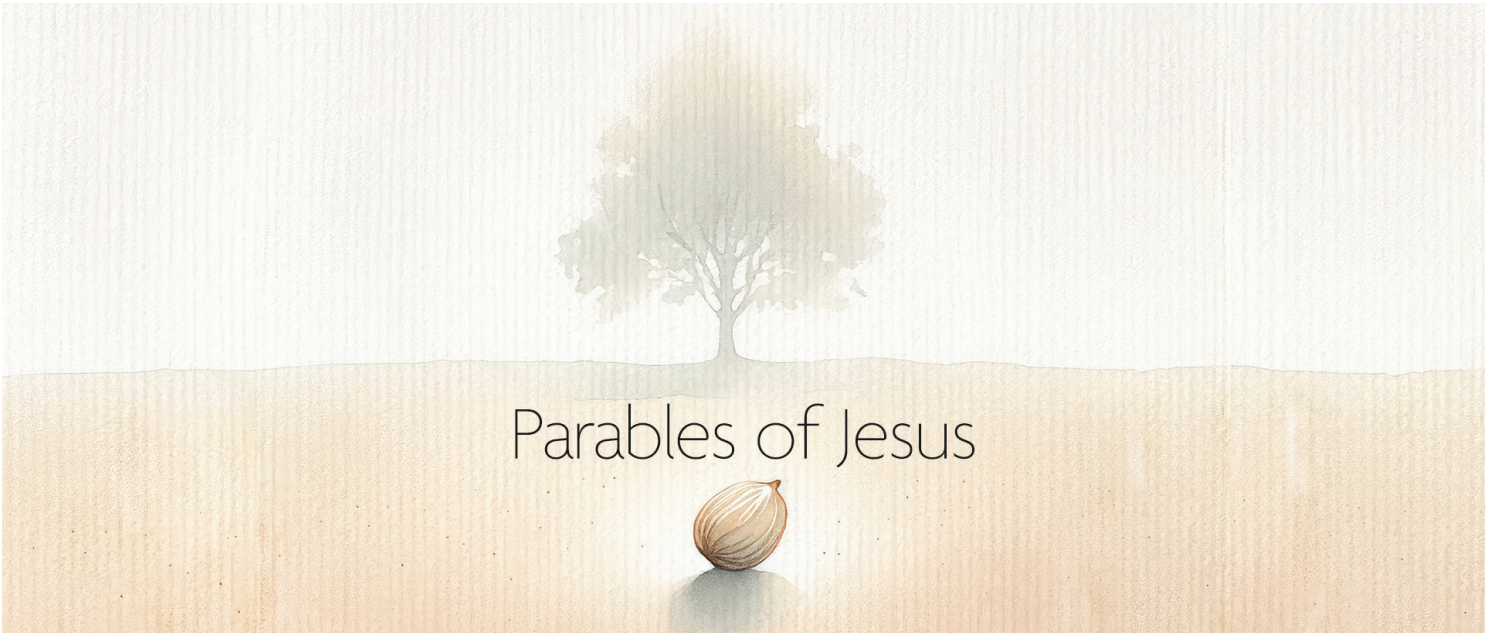




Parables of Jesus

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READ

Read Matthew 13:44-46 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- The kingdom of heaven is central to understanding Jesus' point in these two parables. What is the kingdom of heaven? Is it the same or different from the kingdom of God?
- What is made clear about the kingdom of heaven by Jesus' description of it as a treasure and pearl of great value?
- What does the response in each parable reveal about the sacrifice necessary to enter the kingdom of heaven?
- How does the value of the kingdom relate to the cost of discipleship?
- What is the significance of "joy" being involved (v.44)?

APPLY

- The kingdom's value demands sacrifice. What are some of the ways the kingdom's value is overlooked or ignored today? How might we increase our perception of the kingdom's inherent value?
- What are some of the key sacrifices one might make today to enter the kingdom? What sacrifices have you made?
- How do these parables contrast this world's idol of materialism? How are Christians challenged to live?
- What role does demonstrating the value of the kingdom play in our disciple-making and evangelism?
- How does preaching the gospel to ourselves daily help us think rightly about the cost of discipleship?
- What spiritual practices help us grow in treasuring the kingdom?

PRAY

- Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.

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