



## Parables – Have You Found What You Are Looking For?

Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

### 1. Searching

Matthew 13:45 (NIV)

“the Kingdom of heaven is like merchant in search of fine pearls.”

### 2. Finding

Matthew 13:44,46 (NKJV)

“The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found... the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, when he had found one...”

## Why is Jesus of such supreme Value?

- **Because of who He is.**

Revelation 19:16 (ESV)

“On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.”

Revelation 1:5 (ESV)

“Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.”

Colossians 1:19 (ESV)

“in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.”

Colossians 2:3 (NKJV)

“in [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

- **Because of what He has done for you.**

Luke 17:20-21 (ESV)

“The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

Matthew 13:31-33 (ESV)

“The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ He told them another parable. ‘The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.’”

- **Because of what He offers you.**

- **He can never be taken away from you.**

John 10:28-30 (NIV)

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

### 3. Selling

Matthew 13:44,46 (ESV)

“In his joy he goes and sells all that he has... Finding one pearl of great value, [he] went and sold all that he had.”

Philippians 3:4-7 (ESV)

“I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.”