

MYSTERY & MAJESTY

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Secrets Of The Kingdom

All Bible verses use the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise indicated

Kingdom Come:

- Jesus in a house teaching
- He was confronting the pharisees
- His family thought he had lost his mind
- This marks a change in Jesus and his ministry.

Matthew 13:1-9 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and

immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear.”

- A foundation
- Mark 4:13 - the Parable of the Sower is like a master key for the parables.
- He takes the posture of a teacher.

Matthew 13:10 Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?”

- Jesus is willing to teach you but you also have to be willing to hear his answers.
- Wisdom is gained by asking questions.
- Have an inquisitive mind about God.
- God is not scared of you and your questions.

Matthew 13:11 And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

- A common tactic that Jewish teachers used.

- Parables weren't just stories.
- They contained kingdom truth.
- Secrets – Mysterion (mystery).
- The “mysteries of the kingdom” references verses like Daniel 2:28, 44
- Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

Matthew 13:12 For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

- Revelation received leads to more revelation.
- Rejecting revelation leads to the loss of it because of a hard heart.

Matthew 13:13 This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

- Similar to Laodicea in Rev. 3.
- Jesus quotes Isaiah 6:9-10

Matthew 13:14-15 14 Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: ““You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” 15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and

with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

- If they desired to know he would tell them.
- Isaiah preached to a hardened generation too.
- The Lord preserves a remnant.
- In Isaiah 6, Isaiah saw Jesus.

Matthew 13:16-17 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. 17 For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

- The disciples do not understand everything immediately, but they come to Jesus.
- That is key.