

**"THE PARABLES OF JESUS"**  
**Introduction To The Parables (Mt 13:1-3,10-17)**

**I. THE DEFINITION OF "PARABLE"**

**A. THE WORD "PARABLE"...**

1. Is a transliteration of the Greek "**parabole**" (para-bow-LAY)
2. Means "to place \_\_\_\_\_, to cast \_\_\_\_\_"

A parable puts the \_\_\_\_\_ next to the \_\_\_\_\_ so that we may learn"

A parable can usually be identified by the use of the word \_\_\_\_\_ - cf. **Mt 13:31,33**

A common definition of a parable is "an \_\_\_\_\_ story with a \_\_\_\_\_ meaning"

**II. THE PURPOSE OF THE PARABLES OF JESUS**

**A. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS TO " \_\_\_\_\_ "...**

By resorting to parables, Jesus effectively separated the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_!

**B. BUT ANOTHER PURPOSE WAS TO " \_\_\_\_\_ "**

**III. THE INTERPRETATION OF THE PARABLES OF JESUS**

**A. THERE ARE TWO \_\_\_\_\_ TO AVOID...**

1. Seeking to find some \_\_\_\_\_ in every little detail
2. Saying that there is only \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual truth in each parable

**B. SOME GUIDELINES FOR PROPER INTERPRETATION...**

1. Learn from the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus gave in those parables He explained
2. Look for the \_\_\_\_\_ truth of the parable, making sure that any other truths gleaned from the parable are in harmony with it
3. Consider carefully the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus words...
4. Don't use the parables to formulate \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine