

The time has come time to speak plainly about the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom of heaven is the most important concept of all human knowledge and the most valuable experience of all human life.

**Mat 13:44** Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

**Mat 13:45** Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

**Mat 13:46** Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**Mat 13:16** But blessed [are] your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

**Mat 13:17** For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous [men] have desired to see [those things] which ye see, and have not seen [them]; and to hear [those things] which ye hear, and have not heard [them].

John announced the coming of the kingdom.

**Mat 3:1** In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

**Mat 3:2** And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The Son of Man came to teach us about the kingdom. Even better, he showed us this kingdom through the life he lived for us.

**Lu 4:43** And he said unto them, I must preach the **kingdom of God** to other cities also: for **therefore am I sent**.

**Mat 9:35** And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and **preaching the gospel of the kingdom**, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Jesus taught the people (the general public) indirectly about the kingdom by using parables. The people were not ready to receive the more direct teaching that about the kingdom that he gave privately to the apostles.

**Mat 13:10** And the disciples came, and said unto him (Jesus), Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

**Mat 13:11** He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you (the apostles) to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them (the people) it is not given.

**Mat 13:15** For this people's heart is waxed gross, and [their] ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with [their] eyes, and hear with [their] ears, and should understand with [their] heart, and should be

converted, and I should heal them.

The parables stimulated people to think creatively so that they might catch a glimpse of this great and multifaceted kingdom. There is also great mystery surrounding this kingdom, Jesus tells us:

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**Mat 13:35** “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.” things] which ye hear, and have not heard [them].

The Master told us where not to, and where to; find the kingdom of which he spoke.

**Luke 17:20** And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

**Luke 17:21** Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

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In like manner he also said:

**Jhn 8:23** And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

**Jhn 18:36** Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

The kingdom is within us, not of this world, and above this world. No wonder the apostles and others were confused.

**Jn 10:6** But they (the apostles) did not understand what He (Jesus) was talking about.

**Jn 8:43** Why do ye not understand my speech? [even] because ye cannot hear my word.

**Mat 16:11** How is it that ye do not understand ...?

**Mar 8:21** And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

And adding to the confusion and mystery Jesus also said;

**Mt 7:7** Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find, keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you.

**Lu 18** Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the **kingdom of God** as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

**Mat 13:31** “The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed , which a man took and sowed in his field:Which indeed is the least of all seeds; but hwen it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

**Jn 3:3** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the **kingdom of God**.

Jesus, knowing that the apostles did not completely understand sent them out into the world saying to them:

**Mat10:7** “And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

After the Master died and was resurected. the apostles, in their excitement told us mostly about the amazing and easy to understand fact of the risen Christ. It is now time to go back and try once again to understand the gospel of the kingdom of heaven which was so dear and near to Jesus’ heart.