

## The Steps of Jesus – 10/29/23

### The Kingdom Parables

**TEXT- Matthew 13:1-9** *The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him*

**INTRO** – The phases of Jesus life include

- His preexistence
- His years of obscurity
- His year of popularity
- His years of opposition
- His final weeks of persecution
- His week of passion
- His resurrection
- His high priestly ministry
- His return
- His millennial kingdom rule

We are now beginning His time of opposition.

He turns from the Jewish leaders that claimed His miracles were through the power of the devil. Now He begins to speak in parables.

**In this context He explains the nature of the church age.** (A parenthesis) Matthew's gospel is geared, primarily, to present Jesus Christ as the King, the Son of God, the Messiah, the rightful heir to David's throne.

**In chapter 1** He is the one who should reign because He was in the Messianic line. The son of David.

**In chapter 2**, His right to reign was affirmed by wise men who were led to confirm that this was the King.

**In chapter 3** by the testimony of John the Baptist who was the foreordained forerunner to the King.

**In chapter 4**, by His conflict with Satan. Jesus overpowered Satan, conquering the kingdom of darkness.

**In chapters 5, 6 and 7.** He speaks as a King teaching the principles of His kingdom in the Sermon on the Mount.

**In chapters 8 to 10** you find the credentials of the King. And there are His miracles, three chapters full of miracles.

**In chapter 11 vs. 28** Jesus denounces the sinful nation of Israel for rejecting Him. And He promises them severe judgment, then closes chapter 11 with an invitation. *"Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

**In chapter 12**, rejection reaches its. Their final rejection is summed up in the fact that they accuse Jesus of being Satanic. **Matthew 12:31** *Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.*

But even chapter 12 closes with another invitation. **Matthew 12:50** *For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.*

**Israel has rejected the King.**

**Matthew 12:14** *Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.*

They have rejected the King. They have rejected His kingdom.

**What happens now? And that is exactly the question answered by chapter 13. It tells us what is going to happen.**

Because they rejected the King, the kingdom in its full fulfillment had to be postponed. And it had to be postponed to a future time. **The second coming of Christ.**

He came and His message was "Repent for the kingdom is at hand." And the message of John the Baptist, His forerunner, was the same. "Repent for the kingdom is at hand." And the message of the apostles, chapter 10, verse 7, was the same. And the people said no to the King and no to the kingdom and the kingdom therefore was postponed.

It is this kingdom that is in view in Matthew chapter 6 when the Lord says, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done – " What's the next phrase? – "on earth as it is in heaven."

**What is the kingdom of Heaven and the kingdom of God?**

Up to this point there's not one parable recorded. There are some allusions, figures of speech, but no parables. Then when they didn't listen, He spoke in parables.

- **The parable of the Sower (The soils) 13:3-9**

What happens to the seed of the Word of God?

1. Seed by the wayside – (The world)
2. Seed on stony ground – (The Flesh)
3. Seed in briars – (The Devil)
4. Seed brings forth fruit – Some 100 fold - 60 fold – 30 fold

- **The parable of the Tares 13:24-30**

Satan sows tares among God's seed.

Jesus explains the symbols for us.

1. The man is Christ ([Mat 13:37](#)).
2. The seed is believers, children of the kingdom ([Mat 13:38](#)).
3. The field is the world ([Mat 13:38](#)).
4. The enemy is Satan ([Mat 13:39](#)).
5. The tares are the children of the devil ([Mat 13:38](#)).
6. The reapers are angels ([Mat 13:39](#)).
7. The harvest is the end of the age ([Mat 13:39](#)).

**The Two "Seeds" in the Bible [Gen 3:15](#).**

This is the first mention of the two seeds in the Bible. God said that the

woman would have a seed (Christ) ([Gal 3:16](#); [Gal 4:4](#)), and the serpent (Satan) would have a seed. It also states that there would be constant enmity between the serpent's seed and the woman's seed.

#### **Cain and Abel.**

When Cain murdered Abel ([Gen 4:1-16](#)) he started this enmity between the two seeds. [1Jn 3:12](#) states that Cain was "of that wicked one" — a child of the devil! This conflict continues throughout the entire OT.

The tares, mustard seed, and the leaven are the seeds planted by Satan.

**Tares – False believers – Christendom**

**Mustard seed – False growth**

**Leaven – False doctrine**

- **The parable of the Mustard Seed 13:31-32**  
Massive growth of Christendom
- **The parable of the Leaven 13:33**  
False doctrine will spread like leaven
- **The parable of the Hid Treasure 13:44**  
Israel is the Hid treasure during the kingdom age.
- **The parable of the Pearl 13:45-46**  
Jesus is the Pearl of great price
- **The parable of the Dragnet 13:47-50**  
Judgment in the end time **Mt. 24-25**

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