

MATTHEW 13, PART 5

I) Review of Matthew

- Matthew shows that Jesus is _____ who has come to _____ by _____.
- Jesus is _____ as He is _____.
- The Sermon on the Mount tells of the King _____ the Torah through _____ in words of _____. This is _____.
- Echoing the _____ and fulfilling _____, Jesus proceeded to _____.
- “When Jesus had finished these words” (7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; & 26:1).

II) Why did Jesus speak in parables?

Matthew provides various reasons:

- Like Solomon, Jesus taught in parables (Mt. 12:42).
- Parables demanded the audience to listen and meditate to gain the meaning (Mt. 13:11-12; cf. Prov. 1:1-7).
- The closed-hearted refused to listen, only becoming more hardened (Mt. 13:13) while the open-hearted were transformed (Mt. 13:16-17).
- Parables broke idols (Mt. 13:14-15).

How does this explanation differ from the common understanding that “Jesus taught in parables to relate His truth to their everyday experiences”?

III) What do we learn from the parable of the sower?

LISTEN!

IV) What do we learn from the parable of the weeds (13:24-30, 36-43)?

The Master spares the wheat, instead of condemning the whole field. The Adversary is thwarted by the Master’s mercy.

