Mat 137

Jesus leaves the temple

Mat 13:1 That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea.

[Mat 13:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/2/s_942002) And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.

[Mat 13:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/3/s_942003) And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, “Behold, the sower went out to sow;

[Mat 13:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/4/s_942004) and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.

[Mat 13:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/5/s_942005) “Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.

[Mat 13:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/6/s_942006) “But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

Defining a parable- A parable is a short narrative form which a spiritual lesson is devised, or deduced. All parables are derived from the life at the time.

The original Greek definition for parable was putting one story or life lesson along side another.

It was matching up a set of events or lessons that are relatable for the purpose of enlightening others.

For TLJC it became His tool for teaching BD to His serious students.

/A good parable is understood on a surface level for almost all who hear it yet it leaves the listener knowing that there is a depth or mystery that runs much deeper and it is there that leaves many with a question as to who is being addressed or what is the grand lesson or value of the story.\

The story gives an outward literal sense of a matter which anyone can understand, believer or unbeliever.

In the case of TLJC teaching parables each one of these simple stories also teaches a doctrine and you have to know doctrine to understand the doctrine.

It is safe to say that these parables are for Bels who know doctrine. This parable will point out three kinds of people: unbelievers, ignorant believers, understanding believers, believers who know doctrine.

The parable is divided into two parts: the narrative and the doctrine that is being illustrated. Only the one who has doctrine can pick up the deduction, the true meaning of the parable.

/The parables were not designed as re-telling of real-life stories but relatable events, people and circumstances that left the listener with greater knowledge as well as a deeper curiosity to learn more. The important portion was to use historic accuracy – fishermen, farmers & shepherds were key players because that made the parables relatable for the listeners.\

Keep in mind the introduction to mystery doctrine that we learned about last lesson…the interpretation of these parables requires deduction compatible with known doctrine.

Real names and specific geographical locations are never used in parables. EXAMPLE (The rich man and Lazarus is not a parable — Lazarus is a proper name and Hades is a geographical location).

They are realistic situations that people relate too but they are not about a real person.

Now looking at Matthew 13 verses 1 & 2 we can note a few principles;

/ Mat 13:1 **That day Jesus went out of the house** and was **sitting by the sea**. 2 And **large crowds gathered** to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.\

Verse 1 — *“The same day”* refers to the time of the unpardonable sin, the same day the Pharisees, the chief priests, the scribes, rejected Christ and said that He was performing miracles in the power of Satan —

It points us back toward the end of chapter 12 where TLJC had just offered salvation to some of the chief priests, Scribes and Pharisees while they were there in the crowd.

This building that TLJC was teaching in and had just told the crowd that His family was those who hear the word and fulfil the will of the Father is believed to be a temple.

Historians claim there were hundreds of Synagogues in and around the areas surrounding Jerusalem…so this could be any number of Jewish temples that were scattered across the land.

/ The symbolism is emphasized here because- Mat 13:1 *“that day Jesus went out of the house.”* (temple)

A day He had offered Jewish leaders’ freedom from satanic influences and opened up salvation as well as explaining a portion of mystery doctrine (Royal Family) to anyone interested. Jesus left religious Jews and the rituals they embraced.\

God the HS makes a strong statement here including this statement into the original language. Why does the Holy Spirit record this particular incident of leaving “the house”?

Because at this point leaving the house is an act of significance, like shaking the dust off your feet when you leave the city which we study a few months back.

ELABORATE

You leave it, walk out on it. Jesus is phasing out… He is leaving it behind.

The house represents Israel, remember Matt 12:44; *“the house”* has a duel reference to the soul structure when the demon spirits return to it and also the temple, the temple represents the Jews and their purpose, and it is saying in effect that He is now leaving the religion of the Jews.

They have had a perfect opportunity to believe in TLJC yet they chose to blaspheme Him instead.

/Religion has rejected Jesus; He is leaving them. Jesus left the house, “*and sat by the side of the sea.”* The sea then also would have representation, for as Jesus leaves the house (religion) to go by the side of the sea, the sea represents the nations (multitudes), as in Rev 13:1.\

Not just Jews.

You see before we look at the parable because this is the first introduction to mystery doctrine it needs to be understood what is happening and why God the HS had it written in this way.

And the whole point is that in walking out of the house Jesus is telling us what is going to happen because of this rejection: the 5th cycle of discipline will begin very shortly, and under the 5th cycle God walks out on the Jews and scatters them throughout the earth. During the time of the 5th cycle He has another plan, operation Church Age.

Jesus first began to train the Apostles and teach them to seek the lost sheep of the house of Israel it was only when religious zealots began to reject Him that our Lord really opened the flood gates to welcome all of the multitudes of people.

God’s plan was always open for anyone who believed but TLJC put a priority on the Jews when HE first recruited His apostles. That was the race chosen by God…. created uniquely by God which was a shadow of the Church-age we live in today.

 Verse 2 — Even though He walks out on the house, “great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship and sat down” .In other, words they practically pushed Him in the water so He just climbed aboard and sat down [He was very relaxed]; “and the whole multitude stood on the shore.” And then He began to teach this wonderful discourse.

Using this type of teaching was not completely uncommon but one would have to look back at certain prophets to get a glimpse of this;

/Hos 12:10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and **used similitudes** (*damah*), by the ministry of the prophets.

Visions, dreams and stories that compare or have a likeness (*damah*) to something else used as a teaching tool were the main sources for O.T. prophets to preach Bible Doctrine.\ REPEAT

This is really what a parable falls under as well…comparing a story that people relate too and lining it up with doctrinal principles.

/The symbolism behind the LORD having this multitude shows us how God embraces those who do not adhere to religious nonsense, everyone was welcome if they were open to the truth. This wide acceptance of Gentiles alongside Jews and turning His back on the temple to teach from a boat was beyond unconventional.\

Can you imagen what the Scribes…chief priests and Pharisees must have thought as they looked out on that sea side.

Now look at Matt 13:3-

[Mat 13:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/3/s_942003) And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, “Behold, the sower went out to sow;

/Mat 13:3 *-“And He spoke many things to them in parables.”* He is changing His teaching method; Jesus’s teaching method had been more direct up until now. Once He has been rejected by the leaders He goes to parables. He now takes simple narratives and matches them up with doctrine.\

“saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow.” The sower is the Church, the body of Christ, believers.

/The sower is always a Bel (church) communicating the gospel, and a sower sows seed, so the seed is the gospel. As we go forward in the lesson you will begin to see the ground/soil has a lot to do with a person’s soul structure. Fertile ground can accept seeds of truth whereas dry or hard soil will not accept those seeds.\

As we get into the parable of the sower we are going to notice something very interesting:

There are four categories of reaction. The first category is found in verses 4 and 19. Verse 4 gives the narrative; verse 19 gives the explanation, and the category involved is the person who rejects the gospel. So in the first category only we have an unbeliever.

/[Mat 13:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/4/s_942004) and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell beside **the road** (unplowed, not prepared) and the birds came and ate them up.\ UNBEL hard hearted

Verse 4 — The roadside is not a fertile place. “And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the road [unplowed ground].” The seeds, instead of dropping into the soil, bounce off the topsoil, the hard surface or crust, and they just lay on top; “and the birds came and devoured them up.” Remember that the seed always represents the gospel.

Notice:

/The ground represents the Unbel; the ground (soul) rejects the seed. Then the bird takes it. The seed is on top of the ground, not in the ground. The birds are going to represent predators, satanic doctrines and viewpoint, and when a person rejects Christ as saviour, he accepts Satan’s viewpoint/doctrines.\

Verse 19 —gives the explanation. *“When anyone [any member of the human race] hears the word of the kingdom [the gospel], and does not understand it.”*

They hear it but it was never fully digested as truth!

/Mat 13:19 “When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and **does not understand it,** the evil *one* comes and snatches away **what has been sown in his heart**. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.\

The word *“understand”* means more than not understanding, it means to refuse to put it together, refuse to believe it; It is from a Greek verb –

SUE-KNEE-OH-ME…a perception that can lead to wisdom. It means to put something together in your mind by applying it in a principle or a deep set of thoughts.

THEY REFUSE TO DO THAT…yet they heard it!

*“then the evil one comes and snatches it away that which was sown in the heart* [frontal lobe, your mind].” Your soul structure is an intricate set of puzzle pieces that are made up from your thoughts…your emotions, your norms and standards and your motivation.

Your heart in the Bible often speaks of your mind which is the driving force behind your soul structure. It is the engine of the soul.

This means the person heard the words…they understood the gospel, it was in his/her frontal lobe, they rejected the gospel.

The word “heart” refers to the thinking part of the mind. It was in his mind, he rejected it, and in rejecting it we have then the “evil one” referring to Satan conveniently on the scene.

Never think for a moment that the KOD isn’t always just an arms-length away from the Bel or Unbel….always planning always plotting…always looking for openings.

This follows the principle of 2 Cor 4,

/2Co 4:3 And even if our gospel is veiled, **it is veiled to those who are perishing**, 4 in whose case **the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving** so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.\

Our first category is an unbeliever, and this unbeliever refers to the scribes and the Pharisees and the chief priests: they have heard the gospel and they have rejected it.

I will close with some important principles as to what you should have absorbed from the last few lessons.

/Jesus made Himself available to follow the protocol plan of the Father to fulfil prophecy and also seek out the nation of Israel first. It was His destiny to be rejected by the majority of HIS own people yet He still maintained Himself steadfast in the Father’s plan.\

Bels need to realize things do not always fall into your lap because you are a Christian and you have followed BD faithful for a period of time.

Family and friends my not even respect you or give you any assistance and that may well be a portion of the plan for a period of time. REPEAT

/Legalism and religion often go hand in hand and Jesus dealt with it face to face for 3 years while standing firm in truth and at times offering salvation and grace in the most uncomfortable and heated situations. He did not quit the plan nor did He quiver under their authority and pressure.\

TLJC simply did what the Father expected Him to do and kept moving forward.

At times that means putting hateful or bitter people behind you after you have tried to reconcile the truth with them.

Jesus did not chase after people He simply presented the truth and gave them the opportunity.

/The gospel can be presented by Jesus Christ Himself and the arrogance within a person’s soul may be so thick that it will be like seeds bouncing off hard ground. This is not the failure of the sower but the ground itself was not ready. Some ground never becomes fertile and moist enough for the truth!\

Sad but true. REPEAT

/All people are welcomed into true Christianity; it is where we come to the fullness in Christ if we stay the course. Buildings, titles, human standards and human authority have nothing to do with salvation and even the growth that comes afterward. God often uses unlikely circumstances and people to complete His plan and teach His word.\