

Parables

13 ¹That same day Jesus left the house and sat down by the lakeside. ²As many people gathered around him, he got in a boat. There he sat while the whole crowd stood on the shore, ³and he spoke to them in parables about many things.

⁴Jesus said:

—The sower went out to sow and, as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground where there was little soil, and the seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was not deep. ⁶But as soon the sun rose the plants were scorched and withered because they had no roots. ⁷Again other seeds fell among thistles; and the thistles grew and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seeds fell on good soil and produced a crop; some produced a hundredfold, others sixty and others thirty. ⁹If you have ears, then hear!

¹⁸—Now listen to the parable of the sower.

¹⁹When a person hears the message of the Kingdom but without taking it to himself, the devil comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed that fell along the footpath.

²⁰—The seed that fell on rocky ground stands for the one who hears the word and accepts it at once with joy. ²¹But this fickle and has no roots. No sooner is he harassed or persecuted because of the word, than he gives up.

²²—The seed that fell among the thistles is the one who hears the word, but then the worries of this life and the love of money choke the word, and it does not bear fruit.

²³—As for the seed that fell on good soil it is the one who hears the word and understands it; this bears fruit and produces a hundred, or sixty, or thirty times more.

³¹Jesus put another parable before them:

—The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³²It is smaller than all other seeds, but once it has fully grown, it is bigger than any garden plant; like a tree, the birds come and rest in its branches.

³³He told them another parable:

—The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast that a woman took and buried in three measures of flour until the whole mass of dough began to rise.

³⁴Jesus taught all this to the crowds by means of parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. ³⁵So what the Prophet had said was fulfilled: *I will speak in parables. I will proclaim things kept secret since the beginning of the world.*

⁴⁴—The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. The one who finds it buries it again; and so happy is he, that he goes and sells everything he has, in order to buy that field.

⁴⁵—Again the kingdom of heaven is like a trader who is looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶Once he has found a pearl of exceptional quality, he goes away, sells everything he has and buys it.

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