

Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Setting (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:1–3a	Mark 4:1–2	Luke 8:4
<p>1 On that day Jesus went out of the house <i>and</i> was sitting by the sea.</p> <p>2 And large crowds gathered close around him,</p> <p>so that he got into a boat to sit down, and all the crowd was standing on the shore.</p> <p>3a And he spoke many <i>things</i> to them in parables, saying,</p>	<p>1 And again he began to teach beside the sea, and a very large crowd was gathered to him,</p> <p>so that he got into a boat <i>and</i> sat on the sea, and the whole crowd was at the sea on the land.</p> <p>2 And he began to teach them many <i>things</i> in parables, and was saying to them in his teaching,</p>	<p>4 And <i>while</i> a large crowd was gathering and <i>they</i> were going to him from town <i>after</i> town,</p> <p>he spoke by means of a parable:</p>

Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Sower and Soils (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:3b–9	Mark 4:3–9	Luke 8:5–8
<p>3b “Behold, the sower went out to sow,</p> <p>4 and while he was sowing, some seed fell on the side of the path, and the birds came <i>and</i> devoured it.</p> <p>5 And other <i>seed</i> fell on the rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up at once because it did not have <i>any</i> depth of soil.</p> <p>6 But <i>when</i> the sun rose it was scorched, and because it did not have <i>enough</i> root, it withered.</p> <p>7 And other <i>seed</i> fell among the thorn plants, and the thorn plants came up and choked it.</p> <p>8 But other <i>seed</i> fell on the good soil and produced grain,</p> <p>this one a hundred <i>times as much</i> and this one sixty and this one thirty.</p> <p>9 The one who has ears, let him hear!”</p>	<p>3 “Listen! Behold, the sower went out to sow.</p> <p>4 And it happened that while he was sowing, some seed fell on the side of the path, and the birds came and devoured it.</p> <p>5 And other <i>seed</i> fell on the rocky ground where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up at once, because it did not have <i>any</i> depth of soil.</p> <p>6 And when the sun rose it was scorched, and because it did not have <i>enough</i> root, it withered.</p> <p>7 And other <i>seed</i> fell among the thorn plants, and the thorn plants came up and choked it, and it did not produce grain.</p> <p>8 And other <i>seed</i> fell on the good soil, and produced grain, coming up and increasing, and it bore <i>a crop</i>—one thirty and one sixty and one a hundred <i>times as much</i>.</p> <p>9 And he said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!”</p>	<p>5 “The sower went out to sow his seed, and while he was sowing, some seed fell on the side of the path and was trampled under foot, and the birds of the sky devoured it.</p> <p>6 And other <i>seed</i> fell on the rock, and <i>when it</i> came up,</p> <p>it withered, because it did not have moisture.</p> <p>7 And other <i>seed</i> fell in the midst of the thorn plants, and the thorn plants grew up with <i>it and</i> choked it.</p> <p>8 And other <i>seed</i> fell on the good soil, and <i>when it</i> came up, it produced a hundred times as much grain.”</p> <p>As he said these <i>things</i>, he called out, “The one who has ears to hear, let him hear!”</p>

Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Growing Seed (April – December 31)

Mark 4:26–29
<p>26 And he said, “The kingdom of God is like this: like a man scatters seed on the ground.</p> <p>27 And he sleeps and gets up, night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows—he does not know how.</p> <p>28 By itself the soil produces a crop: first the grass, then the head of grain, then the full grain in the head.</p> <p>29 But when the crop permits, he sends <i>in</i> the sickle right away, because the harvest has come.”</p>

Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Wheat and Tares (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:24–30
<p>24 He put before them another parable, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.</p>

25 But while his people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed darnel in the midst of the wheat and went away.
 26 So when the wheat sprouted and yielded grain, then the darnel appeared also.
 27 So the slaves of the master of the house came *and* said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have darnel?’
 28 And he said to them, ‘An enemy has done this!’ So the slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go *and* gather them?’
 29 But he said, “No, lest *when you* gather the darnel you uproot the wheat together with it.
 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the season of the harvest I will tell the reapers, “First gather the darnel and tie it into bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my storehouse.” ”

Galilean Ministry—Jesus’ Parables: Mustard Seed (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:31–32	Mark 4:30–32
<p>31 He put before them another parable, saying,</p> <p>“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took <i>and</i> sowed in his field.</p> <p>32 It is the smallest of all the seeds,</p> <p>but when it is grown it is larger than the garden herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come and nest in its branches.”</p>	<p>30 And he said,</p> <p>“With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or by what parable can we present it? 31 <i>It is</i> like a mustard seed that when sown on the ground, <i>although it</i> is the smallest of all the seeds that <i>are</i> on the ground, 32 but when it is sown it grows up and becomes the largest of all the garden herbs, and sends out large branches so that the birds of the sky are able to nest in its shade.”</p>

Galilean Ministry—Jesus’ Parables: Leavened Loaf (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:33–36a	Mark 4:33–34
<p>33 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took <i>and</i> put into three measures of wheat flour until the whole <i>batch</i> was leavened.” 34 Jesus spoke all these <i>things</i> to the crowds in parables, and he was saying nothing to them without a parable, 35 in order that what was spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled, who said, “I will open my mouth in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden since the creation.” [Ps 78:2] 36a Then he left the crowds <i>and</i> came into the house,</p>	<p>33 And with many parables such as these he was speaking the word to them, as they were able to hear <i>it</i>. 34 And he did not speak to them without a parable, but in private he explained everything to his own disciples.</p>

Galilean Ministry—Jesus’ Parables: Sower and Soils Explained (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:10–23	Mark 4:10–25	Luke 8:9–18
<p>10 And the disciples came up <i>and</i> said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” 11 And he answered <i>and</i> said to them, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to those <i>people</i> it has not been granted. 12 For whoever has, to him <i>more</i> will be given, and he will have an abundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 For this <i>reason</i> I speak to them in</p>	<p>10 And when he was alone, those around him together with the twelve began asking him about the parables. 11 And he said to them, “To you has been granted the secret of the kingdom of God, but to those who are outside everything is in parables,</p>	<p>9 And his disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 And he said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest <i>they are</i> in parables,</p>

<p>parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand,</p> <p>14 and with reference to them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says, “You will listen carefully and will never understand, and you will look closely and will never perceive.</p> <p>15 For the heart of this people has become dull, and with their ears they hear with difficulty, and they have shut their eyes, so that they would not see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.” [Isa 6:9–10]</p> <p>16 But your eyes <i>are</i> blessed because they see, and your ears because they hear.</p> <p>17 For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous <i>people</i> longed to see what you see, and did not see <i>it</i>, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear <i>it!</i></p> <p>18 “You, therefore,</p> <p>listen to the parable of the sower:</p> <p>19b This is what was sown on the side of the path.</p> <p>19a <i>When</i> anyone hears the word about the kingdom and does not understand <i>it</i>, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.</p> <p>20 And what was sown on the rocky ground—his is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy.</p> <p>21 But he does not have a root in himself, but lasts only a little while, and <i>when</i> affliction or persecution happens because of the word, immediately he falls away.</p> <p>22 And what was sown into the thorn plants—this is the one who hears the word, and the anxiety of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth</p> <p>choke the word and it becomes unproductive.</p> <p>23 But what was sown on the good soil—this is the one who hears the word and understands <i>it</i>,</p> <p>who indeed bears fruit and produces,</p>	<p>12 so that ‘they may look closely and not perceive, and they may listen carefully and not understand, lest they turn and it be forgiven them.’”</p> <p>13 And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? And how will you understand all the parables?</p> <p>14 The sower sows the word.</p> <p>15 And these are the ones beside the path where the word is sown, and whenever they hear <i>it</i>,</p> <p>immediately Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.</p> <p>16 And these are like the ones sown on the rocky ground, who whenever they hear the word immediately receive it with joy.</p> <p>17 And they have no root in themselves, but are temporary. Then <i>when</i> affliction or persecution comes because of the word, immediately they fall away.</p> <p>18 And others are the ones sown among the thorn plants—these are the ones who hear the word, 19 and the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other <i>things</i> come in <i>and</i> choke the word and it becomes unproductive.</p> <p>20 And those are the ones sown on the good soil, who hear the word and receive <i>it</i></p> <p>and bear fruit—</p>	<p>so that ‘Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’</p> <p>11 Now the parable means this: the seed is the word of God, 12 and those beside the path are the ones who have heard.</p> <p>Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe <i>and</i> be saved.</p> <p>13 And those on the rock <i>are those</i> who receive the word with joy when they hear <i>it</i>, and these do not have <i>enough</i> root, who believe for a time and in a time of testing fall away.</p> <p>14 And the <i>seed</i> that fell into the thorn plants—these are the ones who hear and <i>as they</i> go along are choked by the worries and riches and pleasures of life, and they do not bear fruit to maturity.</p> <p>15 But the <i>seed</i> on the good soil—these are the ones who, <i>after</i> hearing the word, hold fast to <i>it</i> with a noble and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.</p>
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<p>this one a hundred <i>times as much</i>, and this one sixty, and this one thirty.”</p>	<p>one thirty and one sixty and one a hundred <i>times as much.</i>” 21 And he said to them, “Surely a lamp is not brought so that it may be put under a bushel basket or under a bed, <i>is it? Is it</i> not so that it may be put on a lampstand? 22 For nothing is secret except so that it may be revealed, nor has become hidden except so that it will come to light. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!” 24 And he said to them, “Take care what you hear! With the measure by which you measure out, it will be measured out to you, and will be added to you. 25 For whoever has, <i>more</i> will be given to him, and whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”</p>	<p>16 “And no one, <i>after</i> lighting a lamp, covers it with a jar or puts <i>it</i> under a bed, but puts <i>it</i> on a lampstand, so that those who come in can see the light. 17 For nothing is secret that will not become evident, and nothing hidden that will never be known and come to light. 18 Therefore consider how you listen, or whoever has, to him <i>more</i> will be given, and whoever does not have, even what he thinks <i>that he</i> has will be taken away from him.”</p>
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Galilean Ministry—Jesus’ Parables: Wheat and Tares Explained (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:36b–43

36b and his disciples came to him saying, “Explain the parable of the darnel in the field to us.”
37 So he answered *and* said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,
38 and the field is the world. And the good seed—these are the sons of the kingdom, but the darnel are the sons of the evil one.
39 And the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.
40 Thus just as the darnel is gathered and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the age.
41 The Son of Man will send out his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all the causes of sin and those who do lawless deeds,
42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!
43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The one who has ears, let him hear!

Galilean Ministry—Jesus’ Parables: Kingdom of Heaven (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:44–53

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, that a man found *and* concealed, and in his joy he goes and sells everything that he has and buys that field.
45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.
46 And *when he* found one very valuable pearl, he went *and* sold everything that he possessed and purchased it.
47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was thrown into the sea and gathered *fish* of every kind,
48 which when it was filled they pulled to shore and sat down *and* collected the good *fish* into containers, but the bad they threw out.
49 Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the evil from among the righteous
50 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!
51 “Have you understood all these *things?*” They said to him, “Yes.”
52 And he said to them, “For this *reason* every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of the house who brings out of his storeroom new *things* and old *things.*”
53 And it happened that when Jesus had finished these parables he went away from there.