

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

Matthew 13:1–3a	Mark 4:1–2	Luke 8:4
<p>1 That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3a And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying,</p>	<p>1 He began to teach again by the sea. And such a very large crowd gathered to Him that He got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and the whole crowd was by the sea on the land.</p> <p>2 And He was teaching them many things in parables, and was saying to them in His teaching,</p>	<p>4 When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him,</p> <p>He spoke by way 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 as he sowed, some <i>seeds</i> fell beside the road,</p> <p>and the birds came and ate them up.</p> <p>5 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.</p> <p>6 But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.</p> <p>7 Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.</p> <p>8 And others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.</p> <p>9 "He who has ears, let him hear."</p>	<p>3 "Listen <i>to this!</i> Behold, the sower went out to sow;</p> <p>4 as he was sowing, some <i>seed</i> fell beside the road,</p> <p>and the birds came and ate it up.</p> <p>5 Other <i>seed</i> fell on the rocky <i>ground</i> where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil.</p> <p>6 And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.</p> <p>7 Other <i>seed</i> fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.</p> <p>8 Other <i>seeds</i> fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."</p> <p>9 And He was saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."</p>	<p>5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up.</p> <p>6 Other <i>seed</i> fell on rocky <i>soil</i>, and as soon as it grew up,</p> <p>it withered away, because it had no moisture.</p> <p>7 Other <i>seed</i> fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out.</p> <p>8 Other <i>seed</i> fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great."</p> <p>As He said these things, He would call out, "He 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 was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil;</p> <p>27 and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know.</p> <p>28 The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head.</p> <p>29 But when the crop permits, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."</p>

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

Matthew 13:24–30
<p>24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.</p> <p>25 But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.</p> <p>26 But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.</p> <p>27 The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'</p>

28 And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'

29 But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.

30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

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

Matthew 13:31–32	Mark 4:30–32
<p>31 He presented another parable to them, saying,</p> <p>"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field;</p> <p>32 and this is smaller than all <i>other</i> seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR COME and NEST IN ITS BRANCHES."</p>	<p>30 And He said,</p> <p>"How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it?</p> <p>31 <i>It is</i> like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, 32 yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR CAN NEST UNDER ITS SHADE."</p>

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

Matthew 13:33–36a	Mark 4:33–34
<p>33 He spoke another parable to them, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."</p> <p>34 All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable.</p> <p>35 <i>This was</i> to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES; I WILL UTTER THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." [Ps 78:2]</p> <p>36a Then He left the crowds and went into the house.</p>	<p>33 With many such parables He was speaking the word to them, so far as they were able to hear it;</p> <p>34 and He did not speak to them without a parable;</p> <p>but He was explaining everything privately 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 and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"</p> <p>11 Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.</p> <p>12 For whoever has, to him <i>more</i> shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.</p> <p>13 Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.</p>	<p>10 As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, <i>began</i> asking Him <i>about</i> the parables.</p> <p>11 And He was saying to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables,</p> <p>12 so that WHILE SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE, AND WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND, OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT RETURN AND BE FORGIVEN."</p>	<p>9 His disciples <i>began</i> questioning Him as to what this parable meant.</p> <p>10 And He said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest <i>it is</i> in parables,</p> <p>so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.</p>

<p>14 In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE; 15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.' [Isa 6:9-10]</p> <p>16 But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.</p> <p>17 For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired 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 Hear then the parable of the sower.</p> <p>19b This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.</p> <p>19a When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil <i>one</i> comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.</p> <p>20 The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no <i>firm</i> root in himself, but is <i>only</i> temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.</p> <p>22 And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.</p> <p>23 And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."</p>	<p>13 And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables?</p> <p>14 The sower sows the word.</p> <p>15 These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.</p> <p>16 In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky <i>places</i>, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; 17 and they have no <i>firm</i> root in themselves, but are <i>only</i> temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.</p> <p>18 And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, 19 but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.</p> <p>20 And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."</p> <p>21 And He was saying to them, "A lamp is not brought</p>	<p>11 Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.</p> <p>12 Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.</p> <p>13 Those on the rocky <i>soil are</i> those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no <i>firm</i> root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.</p> <p>14 The <i>seed</i> which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of <i>this</i> life, and bring no fruit to maturity.</p> <p>15 But the <i>seed</i> in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.</p> <p>16 Now no one after lighting a lamp</p>
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	<p>to be put under a basket, is it, or under a bed? Is it not <i>brought</i> to be put on the lampstand?</p> <p>22 For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has <i>anything</i> been secret, but that it would come to light.</p> <p>23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”</p> <p>24 And He was saying to them, “Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides.</p> <p>25 For whoever has, to him <i>more</i> shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.”</p>	<p>covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light.</p> <p>17 For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor <i>anything</i> secret that will not be known and come to light.</p> <p>18 So take care how you listen;</p> <p>for whoever has, to him <i>more</i> shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall 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 and said, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.”

37 And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,

38 and the field is the world; and *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares 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 So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.

41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,

42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He 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 a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid *again*; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls,

46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering *fish* of every kind;

48 and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good *fish* into containers, but the bad they threw away.

49 So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous,

50 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; 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 Jesus said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”

53 When Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there.

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