

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

Matthew 13:1–3a	Mark 4:1–2	Luke 8:4
<p>1 On that day after Jesus went out of the house, he sat by the lake.</p> <p>2 And such a large crowd gathered around him that</p> <p>he got into a boat to sit while the whole crowd stood on the shore.</p> <p>3a He told them many things in parables, saying:</p>	<p>1 Again he began to teach by the lake. Such a large crowd gathered around him that</p> <p>he got into a boat on the lake and sat there while the whole crowd was on the shore by the lake.</p> <p>2 He taught them many things in parables, and in his teaching said to them:</p>	<p>4 While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from one town after another,</p> <p>he spoke to them in 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 "Listen! A sower went out to sow.</p> <p>4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.</p> <p>5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground where they did not have much soil. They sprang up quickly because the soil was not deep.</p> <p>6 But when the sun came up, they were scorched, and because they did not have sufficient root, they withered.</p> <p>7 Other seeds fell among the thorns, and they grew up and choked them.</p> <p>8 But other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain,</p> <p>some a hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty.</p> <p>9 The one who has ears had better listen!"</p>	<p>3 "Listen! A sower went out to sow.</p> <p>4 And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it.</p> <p>5 Other seed fell on rocky ground where it did not have much soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep.</p> <p>6 When the sun came up it was scorched, and because it did not have sufficient root, it withered.</p> <p>7 Other seed fell among the thorns, and they grew up and choked it, and it did not produce grain.</p> <p>8 But other seed fell on good soil and produced grain, sprouting and growing; some yielded thirty times as much, some sixty, and some a hundred times."</p> <p>9 And he said, "Whoever has ears to hear had better listen!"</p>	<p>5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled on, and the wild birds devoured it.</p> <p>6 Other seed fell on rock, and when it came up, it withered because it had no moisture.</p> <p>7 Other seed fell among the thorns, and they grew up with it and choked it.</p> <p>8 But other seed fell on good soil and grew, and it produced a hundred times as much grain."</p> <p>As he said this, he called out, "The one who has ears to hear had better listen!"</p>

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

Mark 4:26–29

26 He also said, "The kingdom of God is like someone who spreads seed on the ground.

27 He goes to sleep and gets up, night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

28 By itself the soil produces a crop, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

29 And when the grain is ripe, he sends in the sickle because the harvest has come."

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

Matthew 13:24–30

24 He presented them with another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a person who sowed good seed in his field.

25 But while everyone was sleeping, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

26 When the plants sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

27 So the slaves of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Then where did the weeds come from?'

28 He said, 'An enemy has done this.' So the slaves replied, 'Do you want us to go and gather them?'

29 But he said, 'No, since in gathering the weeds you may uproot the wheat with them.'

30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned, but then 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 gave them another parable:</p> <p>"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field.</p> <p>32 It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest garden plant and becomes a tree, so that the wild birds come and nest in its branches."</p>	<p>30 He also asked, "To what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use to present it?"</p> <p>31 It is like a mustard seed that when sown in the ground, even though it is the smallest of all the seeds in the ground—</p> <p>32 when it is sown, it grows up, becomes the greatest of all garden plants, and grows large branches so that the wild birds can 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 and mixed with three measures of flour until all the dough had risen."</p> <p>34 Jesus spoke all these things in parables to the crowds; he did not speak to them without a parable.</p> <p>35 This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: <i>"I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."</i> [Ps 78:2]</p> <p>36a Then he left the crowds and went into the house.</p>	<p>33 So with many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear.</p> <p>34 He did not speak to them without a parable.</p> <p>But privately 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 Then the disciples came to him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"</p> <p>11 He replied, "You have been given the opportunity to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but they have not.</p> <p>12 For whoever has will be given more, and will have an abundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.</p> <p>13 For this reason I speak to them in parables: Although they see they do not see, and although they hear they do not hear nor do they understand.</p> <p>14 And concerning them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: <i>'You will listen carefully yet will never understand, you will look closely yet will never comprehend.</i></p> <p>15 <i>For the heart of this people has become dull; they are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, so that they would</i></p>	<p>10 When he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.</p> <p>11 He said to them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you.</p> <p>But to those outside, everything is in parables,</p> <p>12 so that although they look they may look but not see, and although they hear they may hear but not understand, so they may not repent and be forgiven."</p>	<p>9 Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant.</p> <p>10 He said, "You have been given the opportunity to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables,</p> <p>so that although they see they may not see, and although they hear they may not understand.</p>

<p><i>not see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.</i>’ [Isa 6:9–10]</p> <p>16 “But your eyes are blessed because they see, and your ears because they hear.</p> <p>17 For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.</p> <p>18 “So listen to the parable of the sower:</p> <p>19 When anyone hears the word about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches what was sown in his heart; this is the seed sown along the path.</p> <p>20 The seed sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy.</p> <p>21 But he has no root in himself and does not endure; when trouble or persecution comes because of the word, immediately he falls away.</p> <p>22 The seed sown among thorns is the person who hears the word, but worldly cares and the seductiveness of wealth choke the word, so it produces nothing.</p> <p>23 But as for the seed sown on good soil, this is the person who hears the word and understands. He bears fruit, yielding a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.”</p>	<p>13 He said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? Then how will you understand any parable?”</p> <p>14 The sower sows the word.</p> <p>15 These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: Whenever they hear, immediately Satan comes and snatches the word that was sown in them.</p> <p>16 These are the ones sown on rocky ground: As soon as they hear the word, they receive it with joy.</p> <p>17 But they have no root in themselves and do not endure. Then, when trouble or persecution comes because of the word, immediately they fall away.</p> <p>18 Others are the ones sown among thorns: They are those who hear the word, 19 but worldly cares, the seductiveness of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it produces nothing.</p> <p>20 But these are the ones sown on good soil: They hear the word and receive it and bear fruit, one thirty times as much, one sixty, and one a hundred.”</p> <p>21 He also said to them, “A lamp isn’t brought to be put under a basket or under a bed, is it? Isn’t it to be placed on a lampstand?”</p> <p>22 For nothing is hidden except to be revealed, and nothing concealed except to be brought to light.</p> <p>23 If anyone has ears to hear, he had better listen!”</p> <p>24 And he said to them, “Take care about what you hear. The measure you use will be the measure you receive, and more will be added to you.</p> <p>25 For whoever has will be given more, but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.”</p>	<p>11 “Now the parable means this: The seed is the word of God.</p> <p>12 Those along the path are the ones who have heard;</p> <p>then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.</p> <p>13 Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in a time of testing fall away.</p> <p>14 As for the seed that fell among thorns, these are the ones who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the worries and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.</p> <p>15 But as for the seed that landed on good soil, these are the ones who, after hearing the word, cling to it with an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with steadfast endurance.</p> <p>16 “No one lights a lamp and then covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand so that those who come in can see the light.</p> <p>17 For nothing is hidden that will not be revealed, and nothing concealed that will not be made known and brought to light.</p> <p>18 So listen carefully,</p> <p>for whoever has will be given more, but whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken 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 to us the parable of the weeds in the field."
37 He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.
38 The field is the world and the good seed are the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one,
39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.
40 As the weeds are collected and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the age.
41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather from his kingdom everything that causes sin as well as all lawbreakers.
42 They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where 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 had better listen!

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 a field, that a person found and hid. Then because of joy he went and sold all that he had and bought that field.
45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.
46 When he found a pearl of great value, he went out and sold everything he had and bought it.
47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was cast into the sea that caught all kinds of fish.
48 When it was full, they pulled it ashore, sat down, and put the good fish into containers and threw the bad away.
49 It will be this way at the end of the age. Angels will come and separate the evil from the righteous
50 and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
51 "Have you understood all these things?" They replied, "Yes."
52 Then he said to them, "Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure what is new and old."
53 Now when Jesus finished these parables, he moved on from there.

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