

THE KINGDOM PARABLES **MATTHEW 13**

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

Matthew 13: 44

1. The man *found* the treasure.
 - Significance: REVELATION
 - > Sometimes, God reveals Himself when we're not looking for Him!
 - > We don't know if the man was a treasure hunter ... but the implication is that he was not.
 - > Can you think of someone (*maybe yourself*) who found the Kingdom without looking for it?
2. The man *covered up* the treasure.
 - Significance: URGENCY
 - > He didn't want anyone to take the treasure before he could buy the field!
3. The man *sold* all he had.
 - Significance: PRIORITY
 - > The treasure was worth more than the total of the man's possessions.
 - > Jesus was illustrating the contrast between the Kingdom's value and what we value.
 - > He sold all his possessions with JOY!
 - He was not compelled by exterior motivations, such as GUILT!
 - > How does this parable compare to Matthew 19:16-22 – the rich young ruler?
4. The man *bought* the field.
 - Significance: INVESTMENT
 - > He didn't dig up the treasure and steal it.
 - > We can't derive the **benefits** of salvation without investing ourselves.
 - Another name for "investing ourselves?" CRUCIFYING ourselves!
 - > How are people who invest in something different from those who don't?

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

Matthew 13:45

- * Jesus, begins with the word "Again." Why?
- * The only difference in this parable?
 - This time, the person who finds the pearl was LOOKING FOR IT!
- * The Point? The Kingdom may come to us in 2 ways:
 - (1) Those who are searching for it
 - (2) Those who are not
 - > What does this mean for us as evangelists?