



Why did Jesus teach in Parables?

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you know the parable:

A SOWER went out
to sow ...

Matthew 13

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Matthew 13: 14-17

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The background is a stylized landscape. At the bottom, there is a dark green field with various plants and bushes. A large, semi-circular orange sun is rising or setting behind a line of grass. The sky is a light yellow color with several white, fluffy clouds. On the left and right sides, there are green leaves and branches with small orange berries. In the upper left, a group of small black birds is flying. The overall style is clean and modern.

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Daniel 2:17-19

Daniel went to his home and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the matter. He asked them to pray for mercy from the **God of Heaven** concerning this **mystery** so that he


and his friends would not be destroyed along with the wise men of Babylon. Then, in a night vision, the **mystery** was revealed to Daniel.

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**The mysteries of the Kingdom
of God are revealed to those
whose hearts are tender to
the will of God.**



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Matthew 12:33

Make a tree good and its fruit will be good,
or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad,
for a tree is known by its fruits.



Jesus highlights the stark contrast between good trees and bad trees and their fruits.

Matthew 12:48–50

Jesus replied, “Who is my mother and who are my brothers?” And pointing toward his disciples he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For **whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.**”



Jesus teaches in parables to:

Make obvious who is listening and who is not listening;

Distinguish between those who are pursuing the spiritual life and those who are allowing spiritual decay;

Discern who is part of his spiritual family and who is not.



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