MT 13 & THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

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What does Jesus teach us?

1. MT. 13 contains seven parables – about the Kingdom!

Matthew 13:3 And he spake many things unto them **in parables (ἐν παραβολαῖς),** saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;
Matthew 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them **in parables (ἐν παραβολαῖς)?**
Matthew 13:18 Hear ye therefore the **parable (παραβολὴν)** of the sower.
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Matthew 13:34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude **in parables (ἐν παραβολαῖς);** and without **a parable (παραβολῆς)** spake he not unto them:
Matthew 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth **in parables (ἐν παραβολαῖς);** I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.
Matthew 13:36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us **the parable (τὴν παραβολὴν τῶν ζιζανίων) of the tares** of the field.
Matthew 13:53 And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these **parables (παραβολὰς),** he departed thence.

Parable (παραβολή): What is a parable?

- **An earthly story with a heavenly meaning**
- **A comparison / an analogy**
- **Between the known and the unknown**
- **Between common and uncommon**
- **Between natural and supernatural**

The earthly example is in some way like the heavenly, spiritual element.

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Matthew 13:45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is **like (ὁμοία)** unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:
Matthew 13:47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is **like (ὁμοία)** unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:
Matthew 13:52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven **is like (ὅμοιός)** unto a man that is **an householder (οἰκοδεσπότῃ),** which bringeth forth out of his treasure things **new (καινὰ)** and **old (παλαιά).**

Thoughts:

- **We don't find an exact equation or equivalence but a likeness**
- **We must find THE "in what way" is it like?**
- **Rarely, if ever, does a parable explain everything**
- **Usually, maybe always, a parable can be over-interpreted / "over-likened"**

How not to do it:

Matthew 13:22 He also that received seed among **the thorns** is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

- **The main characters or the main actions or activities make the main points.**

2. The seven parables are about the Mystery Form of the Kingdom / Mysteries of the Kingdom

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Matthew 13:38 The field is the world; the good seed are **the children of the kingdom (οἱ υἱοὶ τῆς βασιλείας);** but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

Matthew 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather **out of his kingdom (ἐκ τῆς βασιλείας αὐτοῦ)** all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

Matthew 13:43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun **in the kingdom of their Father (ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν).** Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 13:44 Again, **the kingdom of heaven (ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν)** is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.
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What do we make of this concept – a mystery?

- **The word mystery (μυστήριον) is used 28 times in the NT**
- **It never, ever means mysterious**
- **It always means concealed in the OT, and revealed in the NT**
- **Always the idea of concealed then / now revealed**
- **Always a before and an after**
- **Always secret (in OT) but no longer secret**
- **Always hidden (in OT) but no longer hidden**

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Mark 4:11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know **the mystery (τὸ μυστήριον τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ θεοῦ) of the kingdom of God:** but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:
Luke 8:10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know **the mysteries (τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ θεοῦ) of the kingdom of God:** but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant **of this mystery (τὸ μυστήριον τοῦτο),** lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, **according to the revelation of the mystery (κατὰ ἀποκάλυψιν μυστηρίου),** which was kept **secret since the world began**, **Romans 16:26 But now (νῦν) is made manifest**, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

[**1 Corinthians 2:1** And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you **the testimony (τὸ μαρτύριον τοῦ θεοῦ) of God**.]

1 Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God **in a mystery (ἐν μυστηρίῳ), even the hidden (τὴν ἀποκεκρυμμένην) wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:**

1 Corinthians 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the **ministers (ὑπηρέτας χριστοῦ) of Christ**, and **stewards (οἰκονόμους) of the mysteries (μυστηρίων θεοῦ) of God.**
1 Corinthians 13:2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand **all mysteries (τὰ μυστήρια),** and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
1 Corinthians 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh **mysteries (μυστήρια).**

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you **a mystery (μυστήριον);** We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **1 Corinthians 15:52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **1 Corinthians 15:53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Ephesians 1:9 Having made known unto us **the mystery of his will (τὸ μυστήριον τοῦ θελήματος αὐτοῦ),** according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Ephesians 3:2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: **Ephesians 3:3** How that by revelation he made known unto me **the mystery (τὸ μυστήριον);** (as I wrote afore in few words, **Ephesians 3:4** Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge **in the mystery (ἐν τῷ μυστηρίῳ τοῦ χριστοῦ) of Christ) Ephesians 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;** **Ephesians 3:6** That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: **Ephesians 3:7** Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. **Ephesians 3:8** Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; **Ephesians 3:9** And to make all men see what is th**e fellowship of the mystery (ἡ οἰκονομία τοῦ μυστηρίου),** which **from** the beginning of the world **hath been hid in God**, who created all things by Jesus Christ: **Ephesians 3:10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Ephesians 5:32 This is a great mystery (Τὸ μυστήριον τοῦτο μέγα ἐστίν): but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
Ephesians 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known **the mystery (τὸ μυστήριον τοῦ εὐαγγελίου) of the gospel,**

Colossians 1:26 Even **the mystery (τὸ μυστήριον) which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: Colossians 1:27** To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory **of this mystery (τοῦ μυστηρίου τούτου)** among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Colossians 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of **the mystery (τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ θεοῦ) of God**, and of the Father, and of Christ;
Colossians 4:3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak **the mystery of Christ (τὸ μυστήριον τοῦ χριστοῦ),** for which I am also in bonds:

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity (Τὸ γὰρ μυστήριον ἤδη ἐνεργεῖται τῆς ἀνομίας) doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

1 Timothy 3:9 Holding **the mystery of the faith (τὸ μυστήριον τῆς πίστεως)** in a pure conscience.
1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy **great is the mystery of godliness (μέγα ἐστὶν τὸ τῆς εὐσεβείας μυστήριον):** God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Revelation 1:20 The mystery (τὸ μυστήριον τῶν ἑπτὰ ἀστέρων) of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.
Revelation 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, t**he mystery of God (τὸ μυστήριον τοῦ θεοῦ)** should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.
Revelation 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY (Μυστήριον),** BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
Revelation 17:7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee **the mystery of the woman (τὸ μυστήριον τῆς γυναικός),** and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

3. The seven parables reveal a **new & different** form of the kingdom.

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What do we know?

- **The Old Testament everywhere speaks of a restored, Davidic Kingdom**

Isaiah 2:1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw **concerning Judah and Jerusalem.**
Isaiah 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, That the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow unto it.
Isaiah 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; And he will teach us of his ways, And we will walk in his paths: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **Isaiah 2:4** And he shall judge among the nations, And shall rebuke many people: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruninghooks: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder: And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:7** Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, To order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice From henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots: Isaiah 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and might, The spirit of

knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; **Isaiah 11:3** And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: **And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, Neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: Isaiah 11:4 But with righteousness** shall he judge the poor, And reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, And with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. **Isaiah 11:5** And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, And faithfulness the girdle of his reins. **Isaiah 11:6** The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, And the leopard shall lie down with the kid; And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. **Isaiah 11:7** And the cow and the bear shall feed; Their young ones shall lie down together: And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. **Isaiah 11:8** And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, And the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. **Isaiah 11:9** They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: **For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.**
Isaiah 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, Which shall stand **for** an ensign of the people; **To** it shall the Gentiles seek: And his rest shall be glorious.

Micah 4:1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, That the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, And it shall be exalted above the hills; And people shall flow unto it.
Micah 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, And to the house of the God of Jacob; And he will teach us of his ways, And we will walk in his paths: For the law shall go forth of Zion, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **Micah 4:3** And he shall judge among many people, And rebuke strong nations afar off; And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruninghooks: Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more. **Micah 4:4** But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; And none shall make them afraid: For the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

Luke 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. Luke 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: Luke 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

- **Jesus is revealing a new form of the Kingdom!**

Concealed in the OT
Revealed in the NT / simply, now revealed!
A mystery form → mysteries about the kingdom!

- **The Mystery Form of the Kingdom from the first coming until the second coming**

- **Then the millennial / Messianic form of the kingdom**

Some, maybe most of this seems obvious but things get very confused after this because of theological commitments.

- **Jesus reigns!!!**

OK, but what does that mean? How is that new?

1 Chronicles 29:11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; **thine is the kingdom, O LORD**, and thou art exalted as head above all.
Psalm 93:1 The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: The world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.
Psalm 96:10 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: The world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: He shall judge the people righteously.
Psalm 97:1 The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.
Psalm 99:1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: He sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.
Psalm 103:19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; And his kingdom ruleth over all.

- **Jesus reigns in heaven?**
- **Jesus reigns in the church?**
- **Jesus reigns in our hearts?**
- **Jesus reigns: the already & the not yet!**

4. The seven parables are best **interpreted** &/ **understood** by Jesus' explanation and the first parable

Mark 4:13 And he said unto them, **Know ye not this parable? And how then will ye know all parables?**

Matthew 13:8 But other fell into **good ground**, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.
Matthew 13:23 But he that received seed into **the good ground** is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matthew 13:4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and **the fowls (τὰ πετεινὰ)** came and devoured them up:
Matthew 13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh **the wicked one (ὁ πονηρός),** and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.
Matthew 13:32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that **the birds of the air (τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ)** come and lodge in the branches thereof.

What does field mean primarily?

Matthew 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed **in his field**:

Matthew 13:27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed **in thy field?** From whence then hath it tares?

Who sowed the tares / weeds?

Matthew 13:27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? **From whence then hath it tares Matthew 13:28** He said unto them, **An enemy hath done this**. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

What should we do?

Matthew 13:28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, **Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?**
Matthew 13:29 But he said, **Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.**
Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Jesus' command seems simple:
Don't try to separate them now!

Why not?

- **It's not our job!**

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It's the angels' job!

- **It's not the right time / timing**

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Matthew 13:40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be **in the end of this world (ἐν τῇ συντελείᾳ τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου).**

- **It <u>can't</u> be done → without untold harm / safely!**

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- **It <u>NOT</u> our purpose(s)!**

<u>Matthew 13:3</u> And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, **Behold, a sower went forth to sow;**

<u>Matthew 13:18</u> Hear ye therefore **the parable of the sower.**
<u>Matthew 13:24</u> Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto **a man which sowed good seed in his field:** **<u>Matthew 13:25</u>** But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares **among the wheat,** and went his way.
<u>Matthew 13:26</u> But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

What is the field?

The Christian church / a church	**A denomination**
A Christian college	**The world**

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<u>Matthew 13:36</u> Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares **of the field**.
<u>Matthew 13:38</u> **The field is the world (ὁ δὲ ἀγρός ἐστιν ὁ κόσμος);** the good seed are **the children of the kingdom (οἱ υἱοὶ τῆς βασιλείας); but the tares (τὰ δὲ ζιζάνιά) are the children of the wicked one (οἱ υἱοὶ τοῦ πονηροῦ);**

<u>Matthew 13:44</u> Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid **in a field**; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth **that field**.

Field = field or world
Normally just a field
Metaphorically the world

<u>Conclusions:</u>

In the "church":	In the world:
A pure church	**No inquisitions**
Regenerate church membership	**No persecutions of other beliefs**
Doctrinal purity in denominations, associations, colleges, universities, seminaries	**No state churches**
	No star chambers