

Introduction

1. Jesus effectively and masterfully taught by using many parables.
2. Jesus visited His own country, Nazareth.

Select Verses

13:3 - *“And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow.”*



13:15 - *“For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.”*

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:”*

13:31 - *“Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:”*

13:34-35 - *“All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: ⁽³⁵⁾ That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.”*

13:41-42 - *“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; ⁽⁴²⁾ And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

13:49-50 - *“So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, ⁽⁵⁰⁾ And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

13:57 - *“And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.”*

13:58 - *“And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”*

Select Thoughts / Themes



1. Examine the various parables of Jesus in this chapter:
 - a. The sower.
 - b. The tares.
 - c. The mustard seed.
 - d. The leaven.
 - e. The hidden treasure.
 - f. The goodly pearl.
2. When Jesus visited Nazareth, what was the reaction of the people to His return?



To Consider Further...

1. Define the term *“parable.”*
2. In what ways today do we use similar methods of teaching?
3. What was the Lord’s explanation of the following terms in the parable of the sower:
The field • Good seed • Tares • Enemy
4. What Old Testament reference (prophecy) speaks of the Lord teaching in parables?
5. What does the phrase *“A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house”* mean?