

Jesus taught that parables were used to disguise the kingdom of God from the Jews. We understand them in retrospect

Mat 13:10-11 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" (11) And He answered and said to them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

Mat 13:34-35 All these things Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable, (35) so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES; I WILL UTTER THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD."

Mar 4:34 and He did not speak to them without a parable; but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples.

The parable of wages for the laborers in the vineyard. An illustration of our reward in heaven.

Mat 20:1-2 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. (2) "And when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

the wages are set  
We work till Jesus comes Rev 2.10

Tit 1:2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,

Our wages will be eternal life

Mat 20:10-17 "And when those hired first came, they thought that they would receive more; and they also received each one a denarius. (11) "And when they received it, they grumbled at the landowner, (12) saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the scorching heat of the day.' (13) "But he answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?

(14) 'Take what is yours and go your way, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. (15) 'Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?' (16) "Thus the last shall be first, and the first last." (17) And as Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them,

Those who have labored long in the kingdom of God need not think that they will receive more.

## Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

Mat 20:17-19 And as Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, (18) "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, (19) and will deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up."



Luk 21:20-24 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is at hand.

(21) "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of the city depart, and let not those who are in the country enter the city; (22) because these are days of vengeance, in order that all things which are written may be fulfilled. (23) "Woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land, and wrath to this people, (24) and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

It is hard for us to understand their confusion but we view these things in retrospect.

Luk 21:25-28 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, (26) men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (27) "And then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory. (28) "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Mat 20:20-24 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons, bowing down, and making a request of Him. (21) And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left." (22) But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to Him, "We are able." (23) He said to them, "My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father." (24) And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers.

Mat 20:25-28 But Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. (26) "It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, (27) and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; (28) just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

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Jesus' aunt, Salome, comes to him and asks for a great position for his cousins James and John

Mat 27:56 among whom was Mary Magdalene, along with Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Joh 19:25 Therefore the soldiers did these things. But there were standing by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Mar 15:40 And there were also some women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome.

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Mat 20:30-34 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

(31) And the multitude sternly told them to be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" (32) And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" (33) They said to Him, "Lord, we want our eyes to be opened." (34) And moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.