

3) _____ ... Are The _____ So _____ ?

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One Key Question

⇒ _____ ... To _____ ?

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: "Listen!" (Mark 4:1-3)

Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear. (Mark 4:9)

so that, "they may be ... ever hearing but never understanding." (Mark 4:12)

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything. (Mark 4:33-34)

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The Kingdom of God

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:14-15, NASB1995)

Jesus had in mind a bigger revolution than that: God's revolution was to be a total revolution overthrowing Satan and evil and bringing heaven and earth back into harmony, and this would not be accomplished by force of arms, but—unbelievably so far as his disciples were concerned, and who blames them?—through suffering and death. (David Wenham, *The Parables of Jesus*)

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The Parables of the Kingdom

1) _____ . . . Is A _____? (ParaboLE)

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. (Mark 2:17)

No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. (Mark 2:21)

A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matthew 5:14)

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." (Matthew 13:31-32)

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44-45)

The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. (Matthew 13:47-48)

2) _____ . . . Did _____ Use _____?

Matthew 13:10-17/Isaiah 6/John 6:15

When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that 'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!'" (Mark 4:10-12)