

Signs of Citizenship

Matthew 13

Two Major Themes in Matthew's Gospel

1. Jesus is Deliverer

Like _____ the _____ who leads
a second _____.

2. Jesus is the Jewish King over all the Nations

Who _____ an _____ of _____
who _____ to his kingdom.

The Flow of the Parables

Who are my mother and brothers? (Mt. 12:45-50) ⇄	Parable of Sower [Those who obey] (Mt. 13:1-9) ⇄	Parable of the Weeds [Some obey falsely] (Mt. 13:24-30) ⇄
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The Mustard Seed: " _____ ?"
(Matthew 13:31-32)

The Leaven: " _____ ?"
(Matthew 13:33)

A Curious Double-Entendre (Matthew 13:34-35)

[Have I received the kingdom?] Parable of Hidden Treasure Matthew 13:44 ⇄	[What is the value? What cost?] Parable of the Pearl Matthew 13:45-46 ⇄
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The Dragnet: " _____ ."
(Matthew 13:47-50)

The Master of the House: " _____ ?"
(Matthew 13:51-52)

Going Deeper

We encourage you to get into God's word this week. Below is a daily reading plan to help you read the Bible each day and learn more about today's message. This short investment of time will pay off huge dividends in your knowledge of God's Word and your relationship with God.

Below each reading is a question or two to reflect on throughout your day. If you are journaling you can write down your response and whatever else you got out of it (e.g. what the Holy Spirit is telling you).

Day 1: Matthew 13

- Hear the words of Jesus anew, and consider what follow up questions you would ask Jesus if he was saying this in front of you?

Day 2: Genesis 11-12

- Notice the tower that the nations attempt to build. How is Abram's call in Genesis 12 a response to Genesis 11?

Day 3: 2 Timothy 3

- What significance does Paul (the author) place upon Scripture? How many different 'applications' of Scripture have you practiced in the past 3 months?

Day 4: Psalms 2 and Psalm 23

- Both these Psalms describe Jesus. Meditate on the multifaceted work of Jesus and rest in his powerful love.

Day 5: Matthew 14

- Considering the parables Jesus just told, do you see chapter 14 as ironic? In what ways do the actions of Jesus exemplify his teaching in chapter 13?

Day 6: Isaiah 58

- Why does God chastise Israel? In what ways are we blind to our own prejudices?

Day 7: Matthew 28

- In light of the parables of Matthew 13 and the themes of his gospel as a whole, list three notes of significance from chapter