

EARTHLY STORIES WITH A HEAVENLY MEANING



THE PARABLES OF JESUS

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Matthew 13:10-17

10 The disciples came to him. They asked, “Why do you use stories when you speak to the people?”

11 He replied, “Because you have been given the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven. It has not been given to outsiders. **12** Everyone who has this kind of knowledge will be given more knowledge. In fact, they will have very much. If anyone doesn’t have this kind of knowledge, even what little they have will be taken away from them. **13** Here is why I use stories when I speak to the people. I say, “They look, but they don’t really see.

They listen, but they don’t really hear or understand.

14 In them the words of the prophet Isaiah come true. He said, ““You will hear but never understand.

You will see but never know what you are seeing...

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Matthew 5:14-15

Lamp on a Stand

14 “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”

Mark 4:21-22

A Lamp on a Stand

21 He said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand? **22** For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open.

Luke 8:16-18

The Lamp on a Stand

16 “No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. **17** For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. **18** Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken from him.”

Challenge of the week: Put our _____ on a _____ for _____ to see!