



Transitioning Kingdom Covenants

The Messianic Method
of Parables



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Framing:

The most profound and culture shifting and humanity changing document in human history – **The Bible** – has two Testaments, Two major meta- Covenants for the stewardship of Creation and its Stewards, humanity.

Both imperative, both Authored by the same unchanging God (important qualifier) and both aimed at recalibrating culture toward best practice of God's Kingdom.

No mistakes, no whoops-a-daisy, got that wrong, let's erase that and start again. No 'personality change's' or capricious confusing dichotomies.

Rather, an utterly gracious tailoring of divine resources to enable God's ever feckless and reckless humanity to fully discover, understand and comply with His best-practice, and not for His sake, but ours.

A profound loving and longing desire of the Triune God see His Stewards walk with Him as they again move toward governing creation and not being governed by a squatting usurper. Not changing standards, principles, or priorities, but shifting platforms and processes to empower, equip and enable us to enter in and accomplish our full potential, as Father God always purposed. His purpose has not changed, though His plans to accomplish it may.

What is profound to me is that in between these two Covenants we have the Incarnation.

I like to use the shoe and shoelace analogy here – The shoe shoulders are the covenants; the tongue is Jesus, and the laces are his 3 years of ministry and method of recalibration tying history tight together.

The method Jesus used to reset the template.

- I. Modelling**
- II. Mentoring**
- III. Miracles and as significantly**
- IV. Masterful Parabolic Teaching**

I want us to focus on this last unique vehicle.

The Gospel of Matthew gives us the real insights into this, as Matthew as written specifically for a Jewish audience – He really wanted the Jews to see what was before them and help change their lens.

It is Matthew that gives us the profound insight into the utter vital nature of this methodology.

In Matthew chapter 13 we see the first parable that is actually explained, and that was a breach of the intent of this method of communication – But the Author of the Old and soon to be NEW Covenant was building the framework.

The key phrase in all this from Jesus is **‘Let him who has ears to hear, let him hear’ (or eyes to see)** It was the Gospel writer Mark, who really pushed this home in Mark 4:13 when he recorded Jesus as saying, ***“if you do not understand the Parable of the Sower, you will not understand any of them.”***

This Parable is what I call a Rosetta Stone lesson – it enables you to interpret all the others.

The key in this parable is not the seed or even the Sower, it’s ‘THE GROUND’ – The HEART of the hearer’.

As I introduce you to the following teaching outline, can I encourage you, the reader/teacher, to apply the above profound lens when engaging the Parables of Jesus Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to widen your understanding of them culturally, practically, and yes, spiritually as you seek to understand the Kingdom Frame for these imperative instructions for the New Covenant Ark – The Church.

Teaching & Learning Session One: Tough Times and Treasure – Where is your Focus?

Introduction

Profoundly interesting times, we live in. We are coming to the pointy end of human history – How are we posturing ourselves in these times, whilst living as Christians in a very safe, essentially real persecution free Australia?

There is a commonly quoted section of a very old 16th Century English proverb that says, “*A Cat may look at a king, but a cat cannot see a king*”. Now the philosophical crowd try to massage this into some deep socio-political commentary, but in essence, the entire thing is about perception and understanding.

Simple terms, a cat can look at a king but has absolutely no clue what a king is and what that means.

So, when it comes to thing that really matter, do we know what you’re looking at? Do you know what you really have before you? What may be needed to understand what it is we have before us?

A true story

In late 1980’s a punter was perusing a ‘flea market’ in a small town in Philadelphia and saw a junk painting with what he thought was unique frame and bought it for \$4. Took it home and had a local dealer check out the frame to see if was worth much. During the inspection a folded document fell out from behind the painting.

They looked at what appeared to be an old document and it seemed important, but didn’t do much until someone encouraged them to seek out an expert...

They did and In April 1991 this previously unrecorded printing of the American Declaration of Independence known as the ***Dunlap Broadside*** was sold for \$1 million at Sotheby’s in New York.

Now note the journey.

- Attracted to something by its seemingly interesting appearance.
- Pondering the aesthetic, not of the picture, but the FRAMING and seeing if it had worth.
- On that investigation, ‘bumped into’ a profound piece of literature that changed history.
- Then actualised the asset.

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READ: Matthew 13:34-35

Now, these stories were powerful culture recalibrating vehicles – They were seismic in their intent, and when received, transformed.

There are a total of 39-46 recorded parables (slight potential duplications)

The last 10 parables were increasingly austere, with the last 5 being delivered in Jesus last week before his crucifixion.

How important are these and why so intense?

Today I want to look at just one of those utterly remarkable vehicles of instruction – The Parable of the Great Wedding Feast in Matthew 22:1-14 (see [video](#))

Further reading on the place and importance of Jesus Miracles.

- [Miracles of Jesus: From Healing the Sick to Turning Water Into Wine](#)
- [The Miracles of Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels – Moody](#)
- [Why Did Jesus Command Others to Be Silent About Him?](#)