

Today: The Mystery of History behind Parables
Text: Matthew 13:10-17; 34-35
Series: The Parables of Jesus
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When asked why he speaks in parables Jesus gave an answer that is challenging on several levels.

The context of the Gospel of Matthew is necessary to understand Jesus' answer.

- The good news announcement he makes and is
- His three great "sermons" in Matthew
- The hardening of heart and rejection of him as God's chosen one
- A corner is turned in his ministry as recorded in Matthew 13.

Jesus' parables both conceal and reveal.

- The parables are unintelligible if you throw away the key to them.
- The parables increase wonder, passion and joy for those who treasure the key to them.
- Since Pentecost till the end of history the Gospel guarantees both belief and unbelief.

As we study Christ's parables we are being trained in the mystery of history.

- Mankind's history shows his terrible deficiency; God's history shows a glorious sufficiency.
- God's truth marches on toward its fulfillment; we need to act on it or lose it.

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