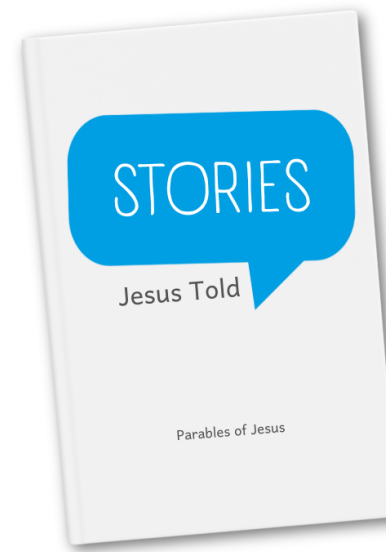


Questions

1. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-10. How did Nathan use a parable to confront David?
2. At His confrontation with the Pharisees in the grainfield, what claims did Jesus make about Himself (see especially 12:6-8)?
3. How did Jesus respond to the evil accusation that the Pharisees made in 12:24?
4. What are some conclusions we can draw about the so-called unpardonable sin of Matthew 12:31-32?
5. What does Matthew 13:11 say about God's sovereignty in revealing His truth?
6. Read Isaiah 6:8-10. What would happen as Isaiah declared God's truth? How was this being fulfilled in Jesus?
7. Can you look back and recall a time when you were blind and deaf to the truths of the Gospel? What was it like when those truths began to make sense?
8. What do you hope to gain as we spend time meditating on some of Jesus' parables?



**Matthew 12;
13:10-17**
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The parables of Jesus are more than just extended illustrations. In Matthew 13:10 the disciples asked Jesus why He taught in parables. His answer shows that He had different purposes in mind for His disciples and for those who had rejected Him. Understanding these purposes helps God's people to better appreciate the precious value of the stories Jesus told.

The use of parables by Jesus was revolutionary. No one told parables like Jesus did, in terms of skill and numbers.

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What preceded Jesus' use of parables? (Matthew 12)

Confrontations (12:1-14)

Accusation (12:22-32)

The Unpardonable Sin (12:31-32)

Distinguishes between speaking against Son and speaking against the Holy Spirit.

Not just denying the work of the Spirit, but even attributing it to Satan.

Jesus diagnosed and pronounced this sin. The church is not taught or called to declare one as eternally lost.

Demand and Jesus' Answer (12:38-42)

Why are you speaking to them in parables? (Matthew 13:10)

This is given for you to know, but not for them (3:11)

God's sovereignty in His revealing of truth.

Man's responsibility to receive and believe God's truth (3:12-15)

Benefits of the Parables for Believers in Jesus (3:16-17)

Studying Jesus' parables will serve to test our hearts.

Studying Jesus' parables will help us live as citizens of His kingdom while we're still on earth.