

PARABLES

¹⁰Then the disciples came up and asked him, "Why are you speaking to them in parables?"
¹¹He answered, "Because the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been given for you to know, but it has not been given to them. ¹²For whoever has, more will be given to him, and he will have more than enough; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³That is why I speak to them in parables, because looking they do not see, and hearing they do not listen or understand. ¹⁴Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You will listen and listen,
but never understand;
you will look and look,
but never perceive.

¹⁵For this people's heart has grown callous;
their ears are hard of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes;
otherwise they might see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears, and
understand with their hearts,
and turn back—
and I would heal them.,

¹⁶"Blessed are your eyes because they do see, and your ears because they do hear. ¹⁷For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see the things you see but didn't see them, to hear the things you hear but didn't hear them.."

Matthew 13:10-17 (CSB)

The one thing I know for sure about Jesus is:

