



# JESUS' STORIES INVITE THE CURIOUS IN

Matthew 13:1-17, 34-35

## A. The Power of Stories in the Human Heart (v1-9)

- I will develop my sense of wonder, letting curiosity drive me closer to God.

## B. The Curious Receive What God Wants to Give to All

(v11-12a, 16-17, 35b)

- I will pick a parable this week to meditate on and pick all the meat off.

1. Jesus uses stories to reveal to believers what the Father gives us.
2. Jesus uses stories to uniquely honor us as we seek to grow.
3. Jesus uses stories to unveil God's eternal plans for mankind.

## C. Jesus' Use of Stories Says a Lot about the Indifferent (v12b-15)

- I will reject any laurels I have been resting on, and continue to learn.

1. Jesus uses stories to protect the indifferent from aggravated guilt.
2. Jesus uses stories to coax the indifferent towards some interest.
3. Jesus uses stories to expose the dysfunction of the unbelieving heart.

October		
1	Turn to Jesus	Matthew 11:20-30
8	Care for What Has Great Value	Matthew 12:1-14
15	Public Jesus / Private Jesus	Matthew 12:15-21
22	Your Words Will Clear You or Judge You	Matthew 12:22-37
29	Your Words - the Sequel	Matthew 12:33-37
November		
5	Jesus is More than a Momentary "Wow!"	Matthew 12:38-50
12	Jesus' Stories Invite the Curious In	Matthew 13:1-17, 34-35
19	What Soil are You?	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
26	The Kingdom Has Some Weeds	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
December		
3	The Kingdom is Subtle but Effective	Matthew 13:31-33

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