



WHAT IS A PARABLE?

A parable is something that is alongside something else.

A parable is a supernatural truth laid alongside a natural picture or story.

A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

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The Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 4:12-17

¹² When he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵ Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the road by the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. ¹⁶ The people who live in darkness have seen a great light, and for those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. ¹⁷ From then on Jesus began to preach, "**Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near.**"

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Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, **but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

Revelation 11:15

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

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You Must Be Born Again

John 3:3
Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, unless someone is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:5
Jesus answered, "**Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**"

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Love and Serve King Jesus

John 14:15
If you love me, you will keep my commands.

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Matthew 7:21
Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.**

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TO HAVE A NEW MIND

The Opposite of Repentance Is a Refusal

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