



KINGDOM QUEST

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...

QUEST

A long or arduous search
for something.

Long

Arduous

Search

Something



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?



THE KINGDOM

Does NOT equal Heaven

Heaven is a real place

It's the center point for God's existence

It's a place free of sin

It's a place free of death

**Kingdom of Heaven as Jesus
described it... that's not what we see**



WHAT IS

The Kingdom of Heaven

**Mentioned 5 times during
the sermon on the mount**

John preached of it, Jesus preached it

**It's not about lip service
and not everybody gets in
(Matthew 7:21)**



NOT ABOUT DOING GOOD WORKS (Religion)

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20



NOT ABOUT DOING GOOD WORKS **You Can't Buy Your Way In**

Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

Matthew 19:24



CHILDREN WELCOME

In Fact They have an
Advantage

Matthew 18:1-5



8 PARABLES

1. Parable of the Ten Virgins
2. Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
3. Parable of the Yeast
4. Parable of the Mustard Seed
5. Parable of the Hidden Treasure
6. Parable of the Pearl
7. Parable of the Net
8. Parable of the Weeds



PARABLE

Its not a fable (A story with a morale)

Its not an analogy

**We are not supposed to make some
literal evaluation of every item
in the parable**

**A parable is an earthly story
with a heavenly meaning.**



JESUS WAS NOT THE FIRST ONE TO TEACH WITH PARABLES

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

Psalm 78:1-4



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“Son of man, set forth an allegory and tell it to the Israelites as a parable”

Ezekiel 17:2



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“I spoke to the prophets, gave them many visions and told parables through them.”

Hosea 12:10



THE PURPOSE

His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, ““though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.’

Luke 8:9-10



THE PURPOSE

**This was a fulfillment of prophecy
(Matthew 13:35)**

It was not Jesus' intent to confuse

**At some point to the crowd Jesus
switched to teaching in parable form
only for the public**

**Others understood the meaning
(Luke 20:19)**



THE PURPOSE

**It was not Jesus' intent
to hide the kingdom**

**Then he left the crowd and went
into the house. His disciples came
to him and said, "Explain to us the
parable of the weeds in the field."**

Matthew 13:36



THE PURPOSE

**It was not Jesus' intent
to hide the kingdom**

**He did not say anything to them
without using a parable. But when
he was alone with his own
disciples, he explained everything.**

Mark 4:34



THE QUEST FOR THE KINGDOM

