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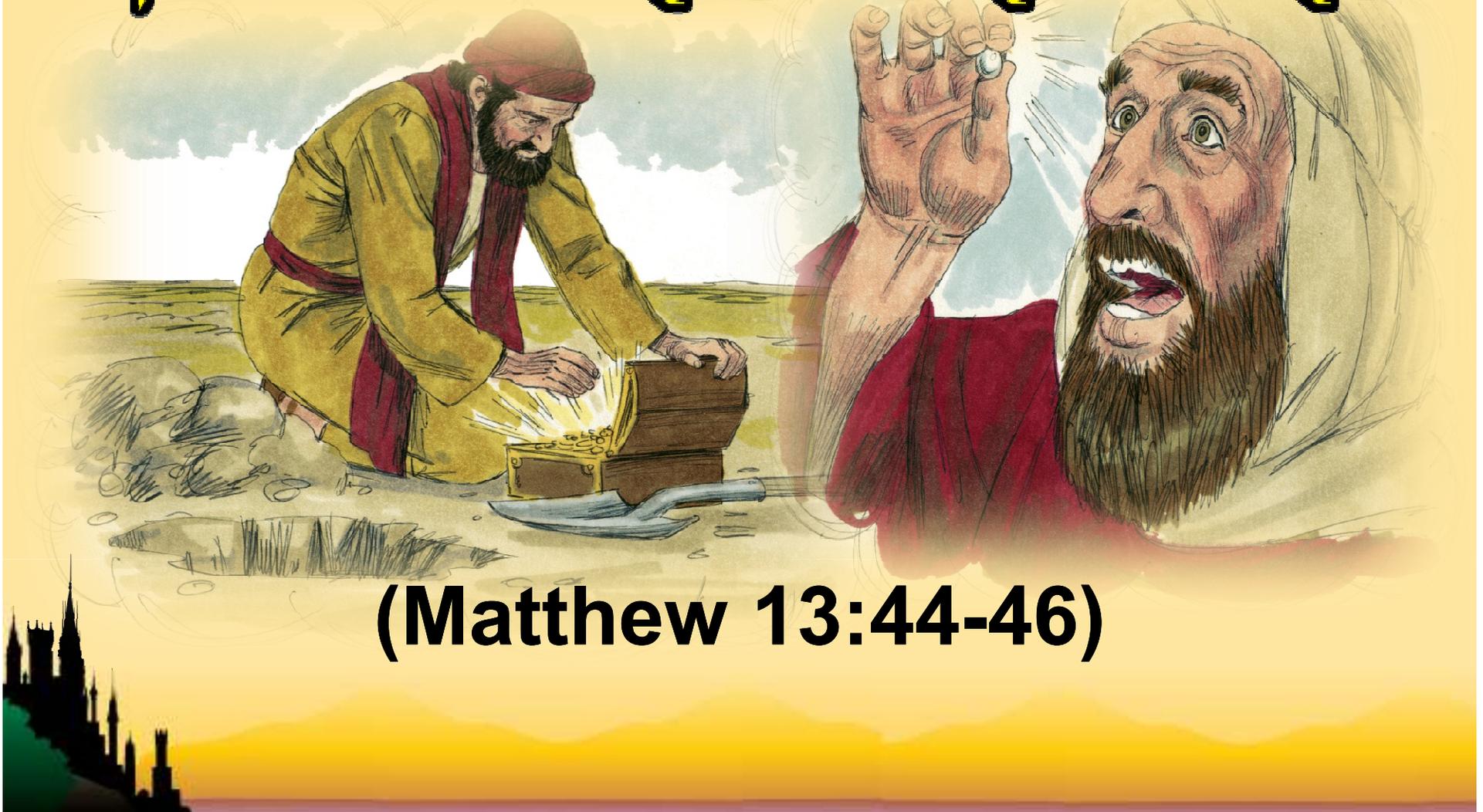


KINGDOM QUEST

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE



(Matthew 13:44-46)

EXPLAIN THE CONTEXT

Easy to Understand

Both translate better to our culture

**That being said there is one thing we
need to understand**

**In the first story we see a man that does
something a little underhanded**



EXPLAIN THE CONTEXT

A man finds buried treasure

The problem is its not on his property

So he re-buries the treasure

Tells no one

Buys the property to get the treasure



EXPLAIN THE CONTEXT

What we need to know

"Treasure" being buried on property was common place in biblical times

**The man did nothing wrong
as Jesus told the story**

**He was only obligated to tell
the owner about the treasure if...**



EXPLAIN THE CONTEXT

There was risk

He followed the law, he put the treasure back until he could buy the property

While he was getting his funds together somebody else could find it and steal it

The current owner of the property may have known about the treasure



UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLS

Where is God?

**Not specifically mentioned,
sort of assumed, he is the
original owner**



UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLS

What represents
the Kingdom?

The buried treasure
And the pearl

The kingdom of heaven
is something you have



UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLS

The Kingdom of Heaven is...

FINDABLE

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20



UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLS

The Kingdom of Heaven is...

FINDBLE

In story two the merchant new
exactly what he was looking for
(Pearls)



UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLS

The Kingdom of Heaven is...

OBTAINABLE

In both stories ALL they had to offer was enough

In both stories both men ended up possessing the item they desired



UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLS

Where are We?

The man that found
the treasure
and the Merchant
(The “Buyers”)



IDENTIFYING THE KINGDOM PRINCIPAL

The kingdom is valuable

**This is not teaching earning or buying
our way into the Kingdom**

**However it does reinforce the thought
that while its a gift from God, it will cost
me to follow**

Consider the cost (Luke 14:28-30)



APPLY It to OUR LIVES

**It does not matter how you
found it**

**The man with the treasure
happened upon it**

**The Merchant was
purposely looking**



APPLY It to OUR LIVES

You have to decide its value

Each man had to decide what they had discovered was of value to them

Each man had to decide what they were will to sacrifice to get it



APPLY It to OUR LIVES

You have to decide to sacrifice

Finding it important

Seeing value is great

**Both men sold all their
possessions to get the item**

They made the decision alone



APPLY It to OUR LIVES

What Next?

Jesus' story ends abruptly

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What happened to the men

Where's the happily ever after?

Matthew 16:24-27



Do YOU?

