

The Parables Of Jesus

Lesson 5

The Parable Of The Hidden Treasure (Mt. 13:44) The Parable Of The Pearl Of Great Price (Mt. 13:45-46)

Where & When: Same as *The Parable Of The Sower* [see page 7]

- Only **Matthew** records these 2 parables

Occasion Producing The Parable:

- Same as *The Parable Of The Sower* [see page 7]
- Spoken privately to the disciples, not openly to the multitudes (v. 36)

Questions:

- 1) How is the kingdom described in v. 44a? Upon finding the treasure, what did the man do? (v. 44b)
- 2) How is the kingdom described in v. 45?
- 3) How would you describe the merchant? What does he do when he finds the "ultimate" pearl? (v. 46)
- 4) What noteworthy "spirit" does Jesus emphasize in v. 44b? (Lk. 14:33; cp. Mt. 19:22)
- 5) How does Paul illustrate this mindset in his life? (Phil. 3:4-8; Col. 2:3) Moses? (Heb. 11:24-26)
- 6) *Thought question:* how might the world have viewed the man's actions in v. 44? [Imagine the ridiculing scene as all his possessions "went upon the auction block."]
- 7) How are these 2 parables alike...what do they teach similarly? (Lk. 9:57-62; 14:26, 28-30)
- 8) Do you see any difference(s) between what these 2 parables emphasize?