

TEACHING WITH PARABLES

Teaching Methods of Jesus:

1. Paradoxical _____
2. D _____
3. E _____
4. Q _____
5. D _____
6. O _____ Lessons
7. Reading _____
8. Prophetic _____
9. R _____
10. _____ Sayings
11. P _____

WHAT IS A PARABLE?

Why did Christ use Parables?

1. To make ideas clear and _____.
2. To make lasting _____.
3. To _____ truth through the use of pictures that might cause offense.
4. To fulfill _____ (Matthew 13:34-35).
5. To speak _____ to someone (Pharisees and Scribes).
6. To reveal _____ for those who followed Him.
7. To reveal the _____ of the hearers.
8. To _____ those with spiritual hunger.
9. To _____ commitment.

How Should we Interpret Parables

1. Discover the meaning to the first _____.
2. Recognize that it cannot mean now what it _____ meant before.
3. Do not press them for more than what is actually in them.
4. Seek the _____ truth.

Important Truths

1. If at first, it does not make sense, it does not mean that it makes no sense at all.
2. While it fails to make sense now, there will be circumstances in your life as a believer where suddenly, it will make sense.
3. There is a _____ from which things that do not make sense by our own reasoning can be made sense by our spiritual understanding.