



# If You Know...

MT. 13:1-3,10-17

*"This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand."  
(Matthew 13:13, ESV)*

## Review the Sermon

Read Mt. 13:10-17.

Why were parables significant at this point in Jesus' ministry?

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What is the only way we can know truth about God? Do we discover it for ourselves?

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How is Jesus himself the key to unlocking the treasures in these parables?

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## Assess your Life

Have you ever found biblical assertions to be difficult to understand or accept?

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Do you struggle with the idea that God gives knowledge of himself to some while hiding it from others?

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How aware are you of your own depravity (rebellion toward God) apart from God's great work of salvation?

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## Apply the Truth

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How can you become more honest with your questions and doubts when struggling with difficult biblical claims? How can you seek solid answers?

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How should your prayer life change if God alone reveals truth to people?

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How should your worship be enhanced with knowing that God revealed Jesus Christ to you purely by his grace, with no influence from yourself?

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## Commit this Week

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Will you determine before God to wrestle honestly with the difficult claims of the Bible and always surrender to the authority of God's Word?

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*"But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear."  
(Matthew 13:16, ESV)*