

WHAT *does it mean*
to FOLLOW JESUS?

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 13

JESUS' PARABLES IN MATTHEW 13

THE KINGDOM...

1. is rejected by most. — sower, 3-23
2. will be sorted out. — field, 24-30 & 36-43
3. has small beginnings. — mustard seed, 31-32
4. grows slowly. — leaven, 33-35
5. is of supreme worth. — treasure, 44
6. is of supreme worth. — pearl, 45-46
7. will be sorted out. — dragnet, 47-50

You need an
enthralling concept
of the kingdom.

1.

THE KINGDOM WILL INVOLVE

GLORIOUS SIGHT.

“Your eyes will behold the king
in his beauty.”

Isaiah 33:17

2.

THE KINGDOM WILL INVOLVE

IDEAL GOVERNMENT.

“The government shall be
upon his shoulder....

Of the increase of his government
and of peace there will be no end.”

Isaiah 9:6-7

3.

THE KINGDOM WILL INVOLVE

FLOURISHING CULTURES.

“The kings of the earth...
will bring into [the city]
the glory and honor of the nations.”

Revelation 21:26

4.

THE KINGDOM WILL INVOLVE
GLAD SERVICE.

“No longer will there be any curse.
The throne of God and of the Lamb
will be in the city,
and his servants will serve him.”

Revelation 22:3

5.

THE KINGDOM WILL INVOLVE

UNSELFISH PEOPLE.

“We are God’s children now,
and what we will be has not yet appeared,
but we know that when he appears
we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he is.”

1 John 3:2

6.

THE KINGDOM WILL INVOLVE

PERFECT HEALTH.

“Our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we await a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our lowly body
to be like his glorious body.”

Philippians 3:20-21

7.

THE KINGDOM WILL INVOLVE

WONDROUS REUNION.

“Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.”

1 Thessalonians 4:14

8.

THE KINGDOM WILL INVOLVE

LAVISH FEASTS.

“I tell you I will not drink again
of this fruit of the vine
until that day when I drink it
new with you in my Father's kingdom.”

Matthew 26:29

(see also Matthew 8:11; Isaiah 25:6; Revelation 19:6-9)

9.

THE KINGDOM WILL INVOLVE

FULL JOY.

“In your presence
there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand
are pleasures forevermore.”

Psalm 16:11

10.

THE KINGDOM WILL INVOLVE

UNENDING GRACE.

“In the coming ages he [will] show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ.”

Ephesians 2:7

An accurate,
enthraling concept
of the kingdom
is indispensable for
every disciple.