

Matthew 13:1-17

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Good News in Disguise

- 'Narrative analogies' (v1-3a,10)
 - Memorable yet mystifying
- Parables share secrets (v11)
 - Rewards acceptance of God's word (v12a)
- Parables keep secrets (v12b-13)
 - Confirms rejection of God's word (v14-15, Isaiah 6:9-10)
- The dangerous privilege of listening to Jesus (v16-17)

Discussion

- How do you feel about Jesus sometimes teaching in a way that is deliberately ambiguous?
- How does this passage prepare us to listen to the parables we'll be reading this term?
- How do you feel about bringing friends along to church to hear these parables?
