



 Read the Gospel and Color



ON THE WAY TO MASS TODAY

What is a parable?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS TODAY

A parable is the kind of teaching story that Jesus used. It would make a point and give the listener a memorable image to reflect on. Because Jesus is God, He was able to teach in parables that he knew would be fulfilled in the future, such as the raising of Lazarus or of the Final Judgment like today's parable of the sower. No one else can teach this Way!

DURING THE WEEK

Can you think of any more of the parables that Jesus taught? (look in the Gospel of Luke for the majority of them).

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of *parables*, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven". For those who stay "outside", everything remains enigmatic.

ON THE WAY TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY

Have you ever seen a mustard seed? What size are they?