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Do you enjoy riddles? They can be both fun and frustrating, and most people find them entertaining, as long as the answer is forthcoming after sufficient effort is exerted. It may be that you solve the mystery yourself, or possibly the mystery-bearer rewards you with the meaning because of your honest effort. Either way, everyone involved can celebrate that what was once mysterious or misunderstood has now been made plain to see for all.

What is common in the riddle game, and because it is a game, is that the participants are all voluntary. Do you want to hear a riddle? If not, you are happily permitted to turn down the invitation. Maybe you are just not willing to invest the mental energy; perhaps you don't have the time, or it could be that you're just not interested—or not good at riddles. Some people find the challenge exhilarating—others irritating; no worries, it's voluntary anyway.

But, what if the riddle-solving was mandatory, part of your job description? And what if you were never given full disclosure when you took the job? And what if quitting the job is literally impossible? Literally! Suddenly the game is no longer voluntary and not at all amusing. You are not a volunteer, but are instead being volunteered, or better said “voluntold!”

It looks something like this; “It has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.” What does that even mean? There are three parts to this riddle. First there's a part that is very easy to miss, and quite contrary to how it looks. “It has been given...” This piece appears a bit like a gift, and isn't accepting of a gift voluntary? Yes it is. But, this is NOT actually a gift; it's a demand. Read it this way; “You are required to...” Ah, the gift that keeps on giving, or should I say taking. Then there is “...to you...” Who is the “you” in the riddle? This is the obvious part that anyone can solve, even those not good at riddles. You might not like the obvious, but nonetheless, the you is you! And finally, the third part, which has all the makings of a classic, almost impossible-to-solve riddle; “...to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.” What is that? And where do you even begin? And why do you suddenly have a pit in your stomach?

Let me explain. The pit is because knowing the answer is not at all voluntary; it's required of every Christian. When you took the job as a Christian, no one told you that this was part of the job description. There are two common reasons for that. First, you wouldn't have understood, and God designed it as such. Then, it's likely no one around could accurately explain anything intelligible about the mysteries of the kingdom anyway, even those who had been in your same job for many years. That part is sad, but true. So, let me help you out. You have been voluntold to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

You must begin by defining the kingdom. And that is why Y'shua spoke in parables; and that is what you must learn. Let's do a practice run before we begin. Parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like immortal fish that multiply in the

ocean..." Think it through like this: If all the fish in the sea never died, would they eventually multiply so much that they raise the level of the ocean? The answer is no! Why? Because everything that makes a fish is ALREADY in the ocean! In other words, everything that will ever be, already is! That is what the kingdom of heaven is like. Meditate on that and then think about how Y'shua fed thousands of people with a few morsels of food, and had an excess left over. You won't ever be relieved from your job requirement to know the mysteries of the kingdom; but, as you become skilled at unraveling those mysteries, you will get relief from that pit in your stomach.

PROPHETIC SEED:

"He answered and said to them, "Because **it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been given." Matthew 13:11 NKJV

"Then He said to them, "Therefore **every scribe instructed** concerning the **kingdom of heaven** is like a householder who brings out of his treasure **things new and old.**" Matthew 13:52 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

"Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. **And Jonah was in the belly of the fish** three days and three nights." Jonah 1:17 NKJV

"Then He said to them, "**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**" They immediately left their nets and followed Him." Matthew 4:19-20 NKJV

"So they picked up Jonah **and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.**" Jonah 1:15 NKJV

"Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught [Peter], and said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And **when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.**" Matthew 14:31-32 NKJV

"Jesus said to **Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah,** do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Feed My lambs.**" John 21:15 NKJV

CLANDESTINE AFFAIRS

1. The kingdom of heaven is like...

A. The Parable of the Sower

(1) Different Hearts

(a) Four Soils

1. "On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. **Then He spoke many things to them in parables**, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, **some seed fell by the wayside**; and the birds came and devoured them. **Some fell on stony places**, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And **some fell among thorns**, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But **others**

fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Matthew 13:1-9 NKJV

(2) The Parable of the Sower Explained

(a) Y'shua does not do this very often...

1. "Therefore hear the parable of the sower: **When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it**, then the wicked one comes and **snatches away what was sown in his heart**. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But **he who received the seed on stony places**, this is **he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy**; yet he has **no root** in himself, but endures only for a while. For when **tribulation or persecution** arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who **received seed among the thorns** is he who hears the word, and **the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches** choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who **received seed on the good ground** is he who **hears the word and understands it**, who indeed **bears fruit** and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." Matthew 13:18-23 NKJV
2. "**Do not love the world or the things in the world**. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world." 1 John 2:15-16 NKJV
3. "For thus says the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: "Break up your fallow ground, And **do not sow among thorns**. Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, **And take away the foreskins of your hearts**, You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth like fire, And burn so that no one can quench it, Because of the evil of your doings." Jeremiah 4:3-4 NKJV

(b) Prophetic Moment: It shows something when we connect the four soils to the parable of the talents!

1. "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. **And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability**; and **immediately he went on a journey**. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his Lord's money. After a long time the Lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. "So he who had received five talents came and **brought five other talents**, saying, 'Lord, **you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more** talents besides them.' His Lord said to him, '**Well done, good and faithful servant**; you were faithful over a few things, **I will make you ruler over many things**. Enter into the joy of your Lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, **you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents** besides them.' His Lord said to him, '**Well done, good and faithful servant**; you have been faithful over a few things, **I will make you ruler over many things**. Enter into the joy of your Lord.' "Then he who had received the **one talent** came and said, 'Lord, **I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed**. And I was afraid, and went and **hid your talent in the ground**. Look, there you have what is yours.' "But his Lord answered and said to him, 'You **wicked and**

lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" Matthew 25:14-30 NKJV

B. The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

(1) Another Seed Parable...

(a) What has sprouted?

1. "Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like **a man who sowed good seed in his field;** but while men slept, **his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat** and went his way. But **when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.** So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. **Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."** ' "" Matthew 13:24-30 NKJV

(2) The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Explained

(a) Wait until the proper time to separate them.

1. "Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." He answered and said to them: "**He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age,** and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, **and those who practice lawlessness,** and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. **Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.** He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Matthew 13:36-43 NKJV
2. No man can convince someone into a true confession, nor should the attempt to do so with persuasive words! "And I, brethren, when I came to you, **did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.** For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And **my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom,** but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."** I Corinthians 2:1-5 NKJV

(b) At the end of this age.

1. ““Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; **depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**”” Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV

(c) Righteousness shining forth as the sun...

1. **“But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.”**
Proverbs 4:18 NKJV

C. The Parable of the Mustard Seed

(1) More seeds

(a) Seeds into Trees

1. “Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but **when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree**, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.””
Matthew 13:31-32 NKJV

D. The Parable of the Leaven

(1) More planting...

(a) More multiplying!

1. “Another parable He spoke to them: **“The kingdom of heaven is like leaven**, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.”” Matthew 13:33 NKJV

E. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

(1) Treasure

(a) Worth Everything!

1. ““Again, **the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field**, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Matthew 13:44 NKJV
- a) The Parable of the Hidden Treasure Recap

F. The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

(1) More Treasure

(a) Beautiful pearls

1. ““Again, **the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls**, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Matthew 13:45-46 NKJV

STORIES WITH A PURPOSE

2. The Mysteries of the Kingdom

A. The Purpose of Parables

(1) Why do you speak in parables?

(a) Prophets and Righteous Men

1. "And the disciples came and said to Him, **"Why do You speak to them in parables?"** He answered and said to them, **"Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.** And in them the **prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled**, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, **Lest they should see** with their eyes **and hear** with their ears, **Lest they should understand with their hearts** and turn, So that I should heal them.' **But blessed are your eyes** for they see, and **your ears** for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that **many prophets and righteous men desired** to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." Matthew 13:10-17 NKJV

(b) **"Why do You speak to them in parables?"** A contemplation of Asaph...

1. "Give ear, O my people, to my law; **Incline your ears [hearts] to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable;** I will **utter dark sayings** of old, Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. **We will not hide them from their children,** Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob, **And appointed a law in Israel,** Which He **commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; That the generation to come might know them,** The children who would be born, **That they may arise and declare them to their children,** That they may set their hope in God, And **not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments; And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright** [*who had hard hearts*], And whose spirit was not faithful to God." Psalms 78:1-8 NKJV
2. For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. I have **no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.**" III John 1:3-4 NKJV

B. Prophecy and Parables

(1) Secret things...

(a) Prophecy Fulfilled

1. "All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret** from the foundation of the world.'" Matthew 13:34-35 NKJV

(2) Prophecy and Parables Recap

(a) Y'shua used parables to connect with His followers as a fulfillment of prophecy...

1. "I will open my mouth in a parable; I will **utter dark sayings** of old," Psalms 78:2 NKJV

2. "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, **But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.** As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings is unsearchable." Proverbs 25:2-3 NKJV
3. Surely the Lord God does nothing, **unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.**" Amos 3:7 NKJV
4. "However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,** which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. **For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."** I Corinthians 2:6-10 NKJV

C. Y'shua Rejected at Nazareth

(1) Hometown Heroes Villains

(a) "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

1. "Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there. **When He had come to His own country,** He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, **"A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."** Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Matthew 13:53-58 NKJV

SON OF JONAH

3. Things OLD and things NEW

A. The Parable of the Dragnet

(1) The Parable of the Dragnet

(a) Fishermen and Fish

1. "'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like **a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind,** which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So **it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,** and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He said to them, **"Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."**" Matthew 13:47-52 NKJV

2. Remember this: *“And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, **casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.** Then He said to them, **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** They immediately left their nets and followed Him.”*
Matthew 4:18-20 NKJV

(2) Have you understood all these things?

- (a) Yes? Then, Y’shua places an exclamatory remark on the Kingdom! We will spend the rest of this study exploring what this mean!

1. “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy **but to fulfill.**”
Matthew 5:17 NKJV

B. Things new and things old!

(1) Special Forces and Covert Ops Training

- (a) Discovering Mysteries of the Kingdom

1. “Then He said to them, “Therefore **every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven** is like a householder who **brings out of his treasure things new and old.**”” Matthew 13:52 NKJV

(2) Things NEW

- (a) Incident #1: Y’shua and His Disciples get in the Boat.

1. “Now **when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.** And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. **But He was asleep.** Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”” Matthew 8:23-25 NKJV

- (b) Incident #2: Y’shua tells His disciples to leave in the a boat without Him.

1. “Immediately **Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him** to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. **But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.** Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. [Mark 6:48 *“Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. ...He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by.”*]. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” **And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”** So He said, “Come.” And when **Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.** But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, **“Lord, save me!”** **And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”** And **when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.** Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.””Matthew 14:22-33 NKJV

- (c) Simon Peter is often called the son of Jonah. Why?

1. "And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "**You are Simon the son of Jonah.** You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone)." John 1:42 NKJV
- (d) Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?
1. "When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "**Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?**" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'" Matthew 16:13-19 NKJV
- (e) But then when he does not like the message...
1. "From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that **He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed,** and be raised the third day. Then **Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him,** saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" But He turned and said to Peter, "**Get behind Me, Satan!** You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.'" Matthew 16:21-23 NKJV
- (f) Peter is told that he would deny the Lord three times...
1. "Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." **Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."** Jesus said to him, "**Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.**" Peter said to Him, "**Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!**" And so said all the disciples." Matthew 26:31-35 NKJV
- (g) And he does...
1. "Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." **But he denied it** before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." **But again he denied with an oath,** "I do not know the Man!" And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "**I do not know the Man!**" Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, **you will deny Me three times.**" So he went out and wept bitterly." Matthew 26:69-75 NKJV
- (h) All that and STILL Y'shua makes him the source of FOOD for his sheep!

1. "So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "**Simon, son of Jonah**, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Feed My lambs.**" He said to him again a second time, "**Simon, son of Jonah**, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Tend My sheep.**" He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "**Feed My sheep.** Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you **and carry you where you do not wish.**" This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."" John 21:15-19 NKJV
a)

(3) Things OLD

(a) Jonah is Obstinate

1. "Now **the word of the LORD came to Jonah** the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and **cry out against it**; for their wickedness has come up before Me." But Jonah arose **to flee** to Tarshish **from the presence of the LORD**. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD." Jonah 1:1-3 NKJV

(b) Panic on the Hight Seas...

1. "But the LORD **sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up**. Then **the mariners were afraid**; and every man **cried out** to his god, and threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load. **But Jonah** had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and **was fast asleep**. So the captain came to him, and said to him, "**What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish.**" And they said to one another, "Come, **let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble has come upon us.**" So they cast lots, and **the lot fell on Jonah**. Then they said to him, "Please tell us! **For whose cause is this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from?** What is your country? And of what people are you?" So he said to them, "**I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.** "" Jonah 1:4-9 NKJV

2. "The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land." Psalms 95:5 NKJV

(c) Jonah exits the boat!

1. "**Then the men were exceedingly afraid**, and said to him, "**Why have you done this?**" **For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD**, because he had told them. Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?"—for the sea was growing more tempestuous. And he said to them, "**Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me.**" Nevertheless the men rowed hard

to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, **“We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man’s life, and do not charge us with innocent blood;** for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You.” **So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.** Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows.” Jonah 1:10-16 NKJV

(d) The Last words of Jonah Chapter One!

1. “Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish **three days and three nights.**” Jonah 1:17 NKJV

(e) The sign of the Prophet Jonah!

1. “Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” But He answered and said to them, **“An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.** The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.” Matthew 12:38-42 NKJV
2. “But as for you, **you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good,** in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.” Genesis 50:20 NKJV
3. “And we know that **all things work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28 NKJV

(f) How is it possible you could miss something so obvious?

1. “Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said to them, “When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it **except the sign of the prophet Jonah.**” And He left them and departed.” Matthew 16:1-4 NKJV!

C. What happens when things new and things old collide!

(1) They make one new story and they reveal the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven! Why? How?

(a) Creation finished things!

1. “Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, **were finished.** And on the seventh day **God ended His work** which He had done, and **He rested** on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then **God blessed the seventh day** and sanctified it, **because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.**” Genesis 2:1-3 NKJV

2. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. **All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made** that was made." John 1:1-3 NKJV

D. **Nothing new—just transformed!**

- (1) Let's integrate the new and old stories to create something "new" or "changed!"

- (a) The Lord sent out a great wind on the sea...

1. "Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. **And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea [Jonah: and there was a mighty tempest on the sea.], so that the boat was covered with the waves [Luke 8:23 they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.] [Jonah: the ship was about to be broken up.]. But He was asleep [Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep.]** Then **His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" [Jonah: What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish.]** Matthew 8:23-25 NKJV

- (2) How do we know?

- (a) Kingdom Mystery (as the New and the Old collide).

1. Between these verses in the NEW... "*Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"*" (Matthew 8:25) and what came next... "*He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then **He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.***" (Matthew 8:26) ...was all the OLD drama of Jonah 1:4-16...

E. **Let's blend the NEW and the OLD one more time**

- (1) This changes everything!

- (a) This is the OLD Way!

1. "And let them **gather all the food of those good years** that are coming, and **store up grain** under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. Then that food shall be **as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine** which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine." Genesis 41:35-36 NKJV
2. "***"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods."*** Matthew 24:45-47 NKJV

- (2) This is a TEST

- (a) This is the NEW Way!

1. "When Jesus heard it, He **departed from there by boat to a deserted place** by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. **When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."** But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. **You give them something to eat.**" And they said to Him, "We

have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. **And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.** Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children."

Matthew 14:13-21 NKJV

2. **Important clarification in John:** "Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, **He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.**"

John 6:4-6 NKJV

F. **A Modern-Day Parable** (*"I made it up!" DJV*)

(1) The Parable of the Fisherman

(a) Because as Peter finally learned...

1. *"Because **it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven...**"* Matthew 13:11
2. *"...**every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.**"* Matthew 13:52
3. *"**the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**"* Matthew 16:19
4. *"But he **who endures to the end [stay in the boat!]** shall be saved. And **this gospel of the kingdom** will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:13-14 NKJV*
5. *"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, **reaping where you have not sown [bypass the growing season],** and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' "But his Lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, **you knew that I reap where I have not sown [I call you to bypass the growing season],** and gather where I have not scattered seed." Matthew 25:24-26 NKJV*
6. *"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power **has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, **that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature,** having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." II Peter 1:2-4 NKJV*