

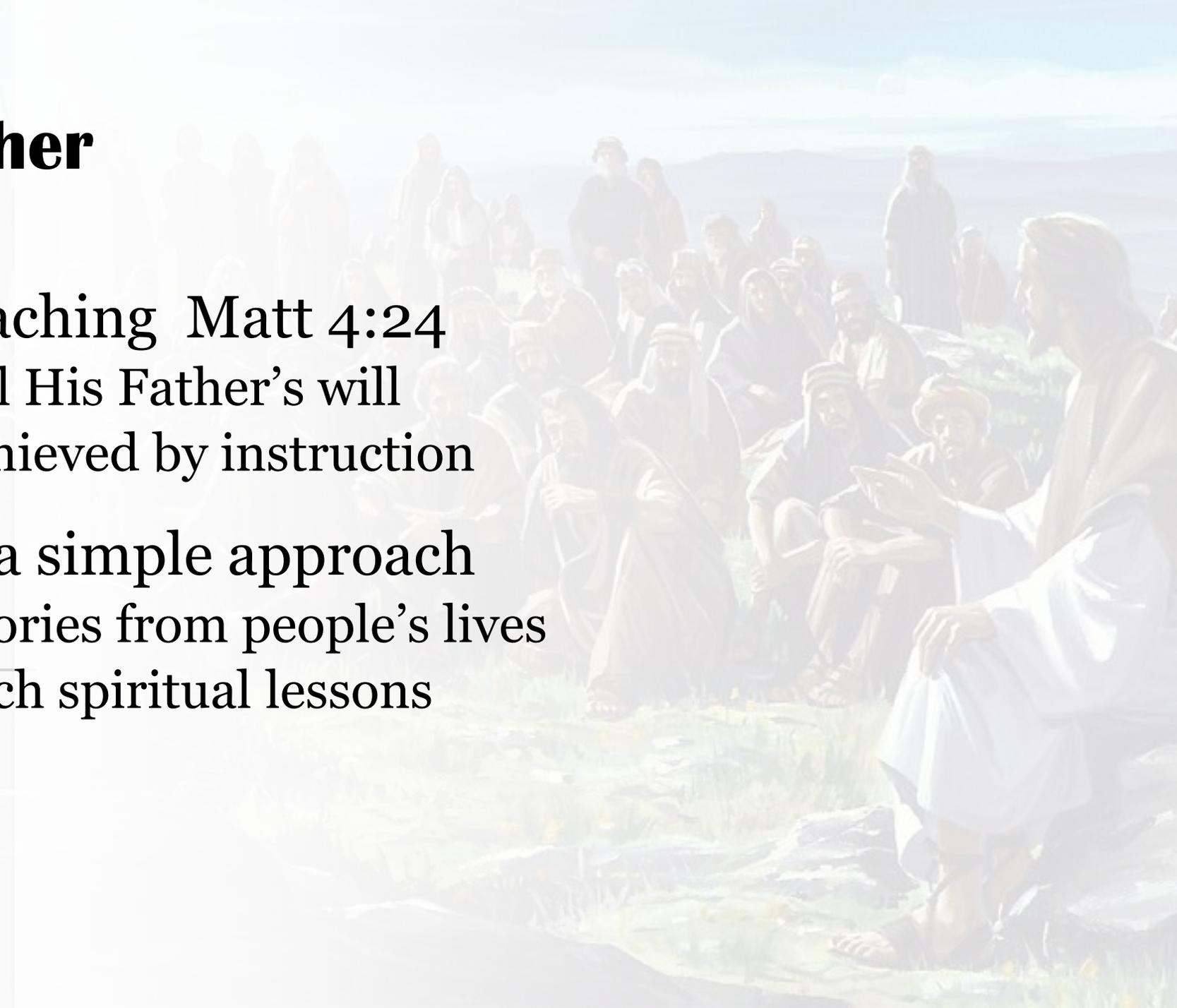


Jesus Taught them in Parables

Matthew 13:1-17

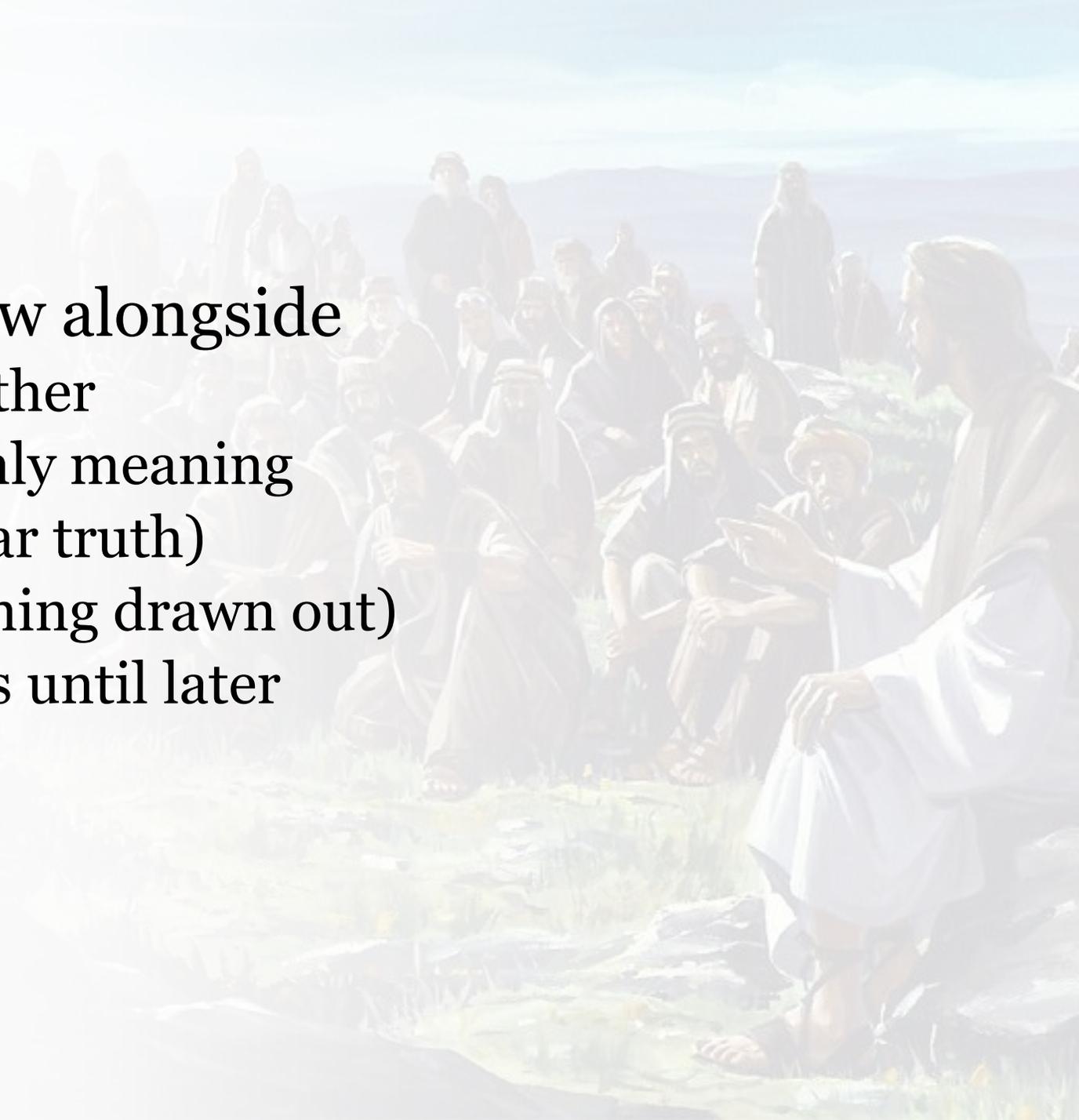
Jesus was a teacher

- He went about teaching Matt 4:24
 - He came to reveal His Father's will
 - This had to be achieved by instruction
- His teaching was a simple approach
 - He told simple stories from people's lives
 - Used these to teach spiritual lessons



He told many parables

- Parable (parabole) to throw alongside
 - Place one thing beside another
 - Earthly story with a heavenly meaning
 - Proverbs (short saying/clear truth)
 - Parable (longer story/meaning drawn out)
 - Didn't begin using parables until later



Why did Jesus begin using parables?

- Matt 13:10-14 And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” ¹¹ He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the [a]mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.
- ¹² 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. ¹³ Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

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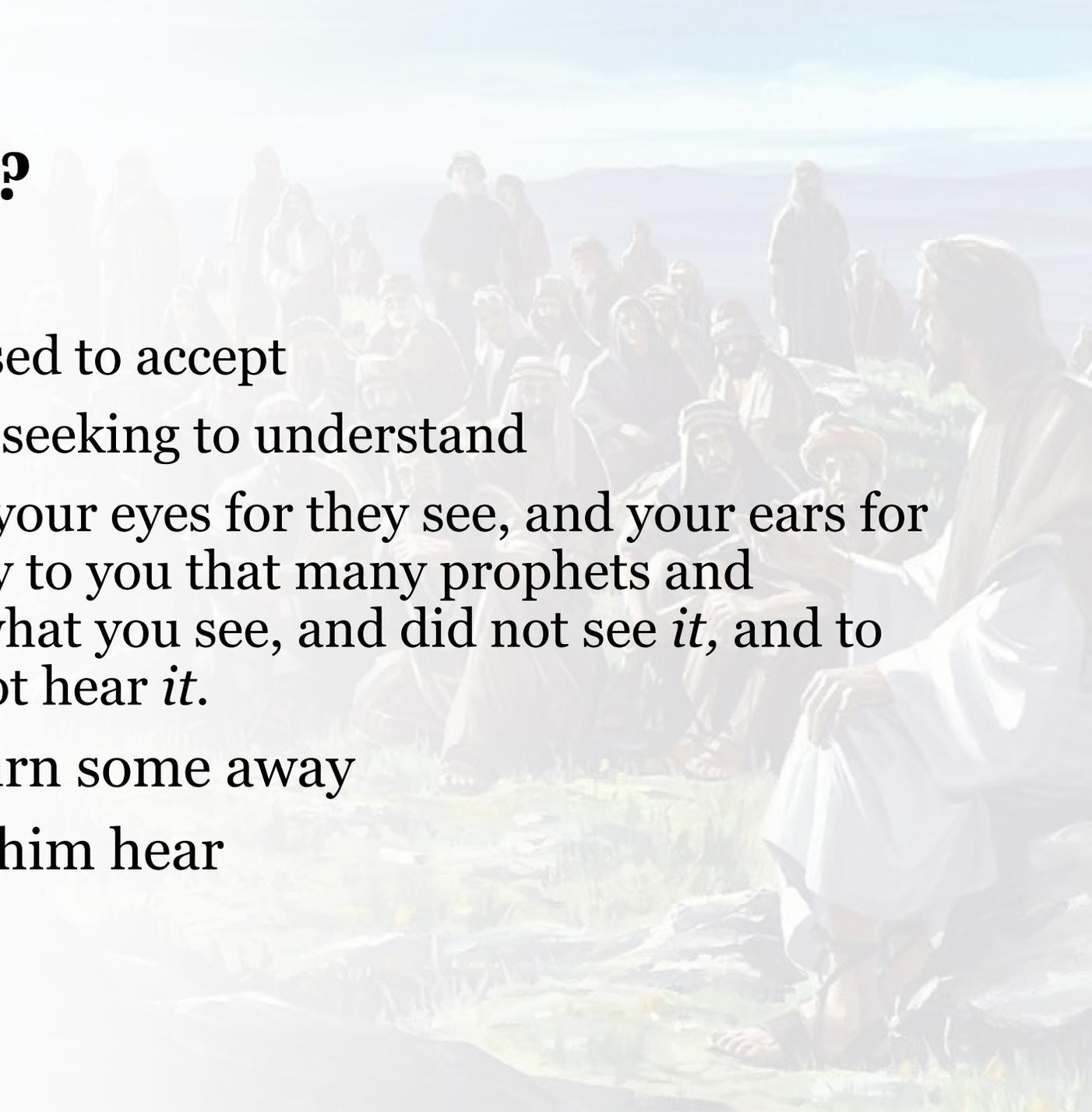
- Matt 13:34-35 All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, ³⁵ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.
 - God reveals His will to humble Isa 57:15; 66:2
 - Kingdom revealed to those willing to receive

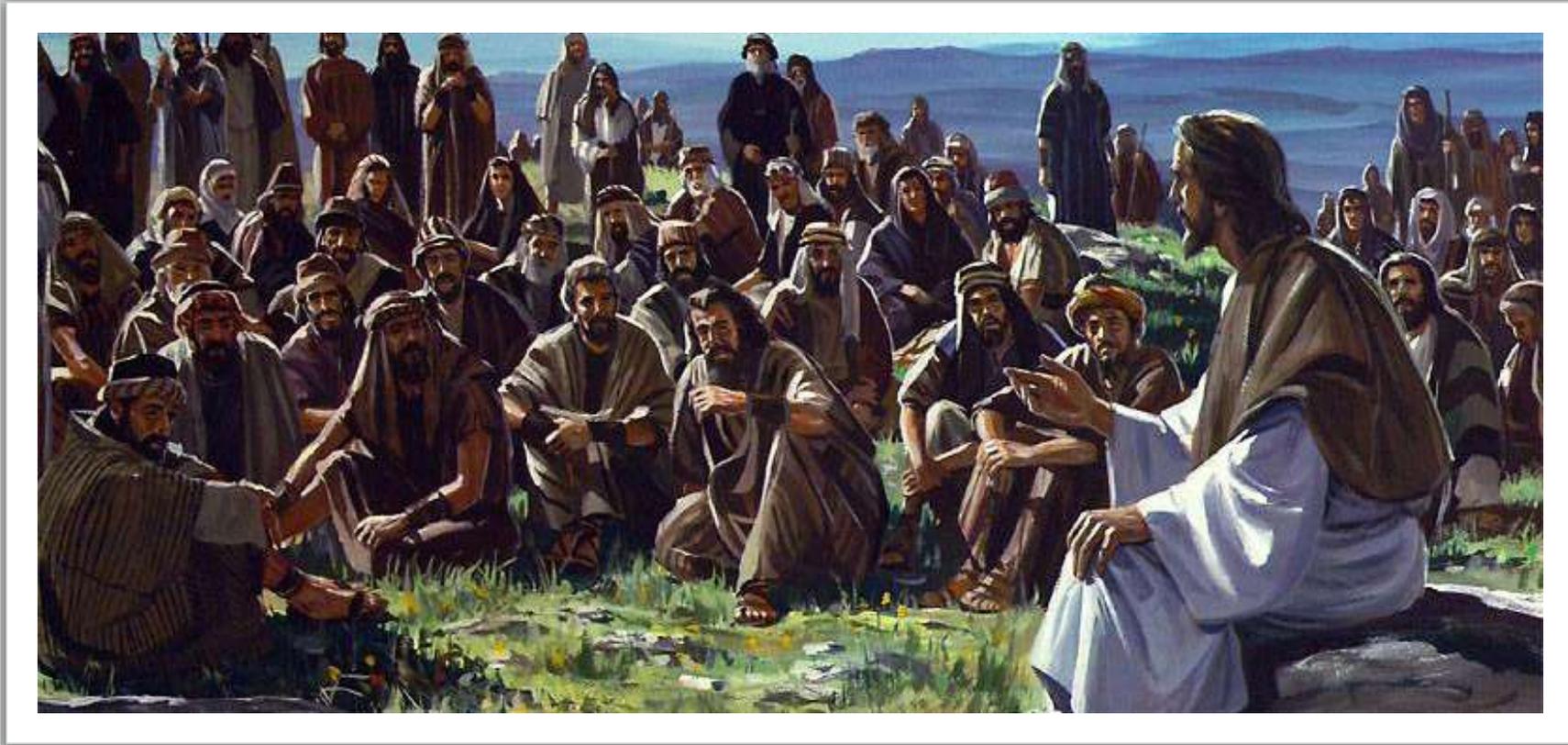
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- Matt 13:13-16 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.¹⁴ And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; ¹⁵ 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 [b]should heal them.’

What made the difference?

- Many saw and heard, but refused to accept
- The disciples asked questions, seeking to understand
- Matt 13:17-18 But blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; ¹⁷ 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*.
- Parables were designed to turn some away
- He who has ears to hear, let him hear





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