

Kingdom on the Lake

Matthew 13:1-23

Intro: The boat was Jesus' pulpit.
The sanctuary was the shore.

I. Previous Preaching

- a. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
- b. The middle of the Sermon on the Mount

II. Popular with the People

- a. News about Jesus spread all over Syria
- b. Large crowds from Galilee, Judea, et al. followed Him

III. Parable of Parables

- a. "Then he told them many things in parables, saying..."
- b. *Para-bole* in Greek: "to throw, cast, or lay alongside"

IV. Problematic Prophecy

- a. So that people would *not* see or understand?
- b. So that Isaiah 6:9-10 would be fulfilled

V. Particular Perception

- a. Back to the soil types...
- b. Did Jesus' eye fall on those types as He spoke?

VI. Peculiar Productivity

- a. "If my words remain in you...you will bear much fruit"
- b. The lakeshore seeds yielded a crop years later

VII. Perfect Purpose

Close: The boat is now a throne.
The sanctuary is the kingdom of heaven.