

Sunday January 17th 2016
Without a Parable
Part Fifteen
Study Questions

1). Read Matthew 13:51-52 – From what the Lord says within the parables themselves, what is it that the disciples say they have understood?

a). Does the Lord's question to His disciples address basic comprehension or something more? And if more how do the scriptures teach that this happens?

b). Read Luke 24:27 and 44-45 – Do these verses contradict the disciples' answer of, 'Yes Lord' in Matthew 13:51 and if not how are we to make sense of what we see in these 2 places in the scriptures?

c). Which verse in Matthew Chapter 13 is fulfilled as a result of what we learn from the answer to the last question?

d). Is this your own experience and if so which scriptures did we look at that demonstrate how this has taken place?

2). Read Colossians 2:1-3 – What do we learn from these verses?

a). Do you think the reference to ‘those in Laodicea’ has any significance beyond the obvious?

b). What does Proverbs 4:7-9 have to say about wisdom?

c). How do we access this wisdom and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

3). Read Matthew 16:18-19 – How should we understand these verses in the context of what we are studying?

a). This is clearly not just the accumulation of knowledge for its own sake so what is the purpose for gaining knowledge?

b). What does James Chapter 2 have to say about this?

c). So how will our faith be brought to completion?

d). Which scriptures did we look at that would be important for us to follow if our faith is to be brought to completion?

4). Throughout the process to spiritual maturity how does the Lord draw us and encourage us?

a). Read Romans 11:22 – What do we learn from this verse?

c). How are we to continue in His goodness and which scriptures did we look at?

d). What will be the aim of our enemy in the midst of this?

e). Finally then, have you understood all these things?