

“The Gospel According to Jesus”

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Chapters 11-13

1. Biblically critique the author’s assertion that *“This phase of the kingdom in which we are now living is a mystery not revealed in the Old Testament.”*
2. What is the main point of the parable of the soils? How does it help us to understand the gospel according to Jesus?
3. Comment on the author’s statement: *“Here is an important lesson for the sower: you will face resistance and hostility.”*
4. What is the ultimate test of true salvation?
5. What is the main point of the parable of the wheat and the tares? How does it help us understand the gospel according to Jesus?
6. How would you respond to the claim that the parable of the wheat and the tares means that ungodly people should be allowed to remain undisturbed within the fellowship of the church until the Lord returns to sort things out?
7. Comment on the statement, *“the contemporary church often fails to present the gospel clearly enough for the non-elect to reject it.”*
8. How do we know that *“forsaking oneself for Christ’s sake is not an optional step of discipleship subsequent to conversion”*?
9. What is the main lesson of the parable of the hidden treasure and the parable of the costly pearl? What is its corresponding truth?
10. Elaborate on the paradoxical statement, *“Salvation is both free and costly.”*