

The Book of Ruth – Part Twelve
Questions
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- 1). Why is Jesus the only One who can redeem our lost inheritance?

- 2). Just as Boaz's action of redeeming the inheritance for Ruth directly impacted Naomi as well, so does Jesus' act of redeeming the inheritance impact Israel as well (we will be covering this more fully in the Esther series). Where else in Scripture can we see this pictured?

- 3). What do the 7 parables in Matthew 13 give us a panoramic picture of?

- 4). Jesus begins the parabolic sequence by "going out of the house." What does this mean symbolically? Jesus then goes by the seaside. What does that picture?

- 5). Then Jesus goes back into the house to deliver 3 more parables. There are two that we focused on today. The parable of the treasure hidden in the field and the parable of the pearl of great price.
 - a). **Matthew 13:44**
"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.
 - i). Who is the man? What/Who is the treasure? What is the field?

ii). The man sells all he has to buy the field, in order to then get the treasure.
What is this a picture of?

b). **Matthew 13:45**

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 "who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

i). Who is the merchant, what/who is the pearl, and what is the price of the pearl?

ii). The sequence of the parables is important. This parable is told *after* the parable of the treasure. We can see in the last parable that through the price paid for the inheritance (Jesus' death), and the redemption of the inheritance (the Tribulation, judgment upon Israel to bring about repentance & redemption), Jesus acquired Israel. After this, He acquires His Bride (the pearl). Compare this chronology with the Book of Ruth.