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# SERMON, SIGNS, & STORIES from the gospel of Watthew

#### Announcements

- Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday—service at noon, followed by light lunch here in FE 200. Begin the Lenten journey with fellow travelers.
- Reminder: FE and environs are non-smoking during pre-school hours.

## PARABLES—WHAT AND WHY?

- Definition and Context
- The Sower, Seeds, and Soils
- The Why
- The Meaning

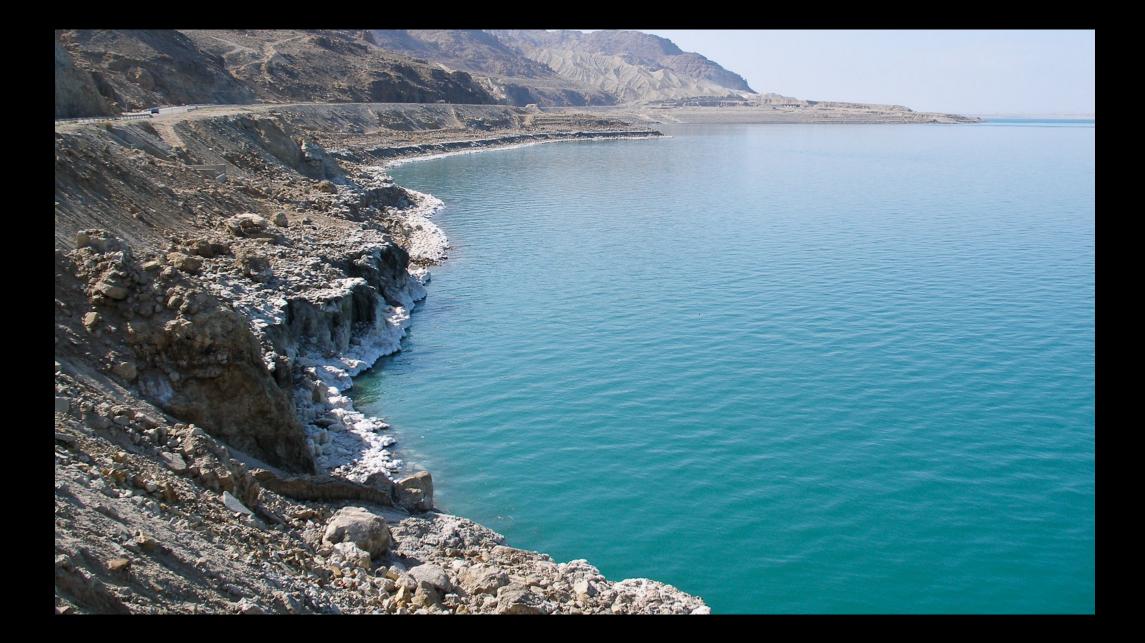
Matt. 13:1-9 Matt. 13:10-17 Matt. 13:18-23

#### What a Parable is NOT

- A riddle
- An allegory
- A metaphor
- A story with only one point

### What a Parable IS

- A simple, usually short, story taken from real life that illustrates religious truth
- Purpose: "to arrest the hearer by its vividness or strangeness, and leave the mind in sufficient doubt as to its precise application to tease it into active thought."



## MRI Anton's Syndrome CT

