

## Jesus, the teacher    Part 3

Jesus used parables to hide truth. Matthew 13.10-11. But didn't he want the truth made known far and wide?

Yes, of course. But those he spoke to were the specially chosen people of Israel. They were told by Moses –

“The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.” Deuteronomy 7.6.

Yet they were the very ones who were rejecting Jesus, the Son of God, putting themselves on the same basis as people outside Israel who are not guided by God's Spirit.

And “the man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them” 1 Corinthians 2.14 (NIV).

How then do such people find God? Jesus explained –

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” Matthew 7.7.

This is, in fact, an abiding principle. From earliest times God had said, “You will seek me and find me, when you search for me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29.13.

It's how I myself became a Christian.

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**“God sent Jesus Christ our Saviour to give us his Spirit.” Titus 3.6 (Bible for Today)**

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