

Instruction Concerning Entrance into the Kingdom

Even though some three-and-a-half months had to transpire before **Yeshua's** appointed time would come, **He** continued to minister and **His** central message was to repent, for **the kingdom of God** was near. There were four drastic changes after **His** rejection by the Sanhedrin on the grounds of demon possession (see **En - Four Drastic Changes in Christ's Ministry**), and one change concerned **His** method of teaching. Before **His** rejection **Christ** taught the masses in language they could understand, but afterward, **He** would only teach in **parables**. Those of faith would be able to understand the spiritual truths of the parables, but those who rejected **the Messiah** would be blinded from the truth. During **His Perea** ministry **He** told many parables. **The master Teacher** also spoke about entering through the narrow door, about the need to be fully committed, to count the costs, and the need for faith as small as a mustard seed to enter **the Kingdom**. **He** healed lepers, restored sight to the blind, and raised the dead. Salvation came to the most unlikely of people, even to a diminutive tax collector named Zacchaeus.