

JESUS IS

*THE GREATEST
TREASURE*

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

-Matt. 13:44-46

“It is not first of all by preaching God’s law that people do God’s law; it is first by telling people of God’s treasures that people sell what is necessary for the costly but joyous acquisition. **What we need first is a season of Jesus stories** where we hear facts before orders, joy before sacrifice, discovery before decisions, gospel before law. **When Jesus the Treasure is found, then believers, carried away by joy, almost without being told to do so, will sell.** Here in our parables no one in fact tells the farmer or merchant to do anything. **The treasure tells them everything they need to do.**”

Shepherd

Luke 2

John the Baptist

Matthew 3

Nicodemus

John 3

Matthew's
Co-Worker
(Big-Time Sinner)

Matthew 9

Judas

Matthew 26

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