



Block Party @ Red Bridge Elementary March 21st 5-7 PM

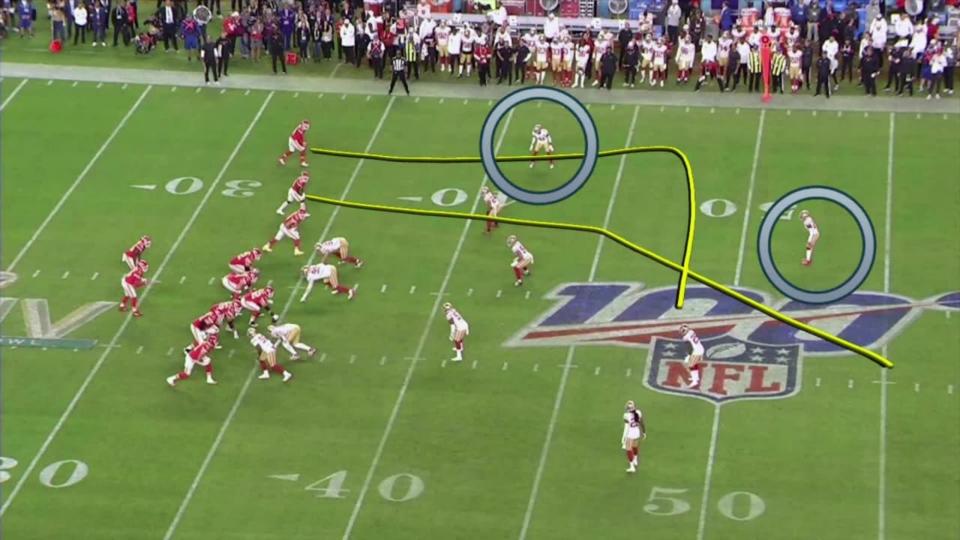


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Mayer





Matthew 13:1-10

On that day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, while the whole crowd stood on the shore.3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "Consider the sower who went out to sow

4 As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Other seed fell on rocky ground where it didn't have much soil, and it grew up quickly since the soil wasn't deep. 6 But when the sun came up, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away.

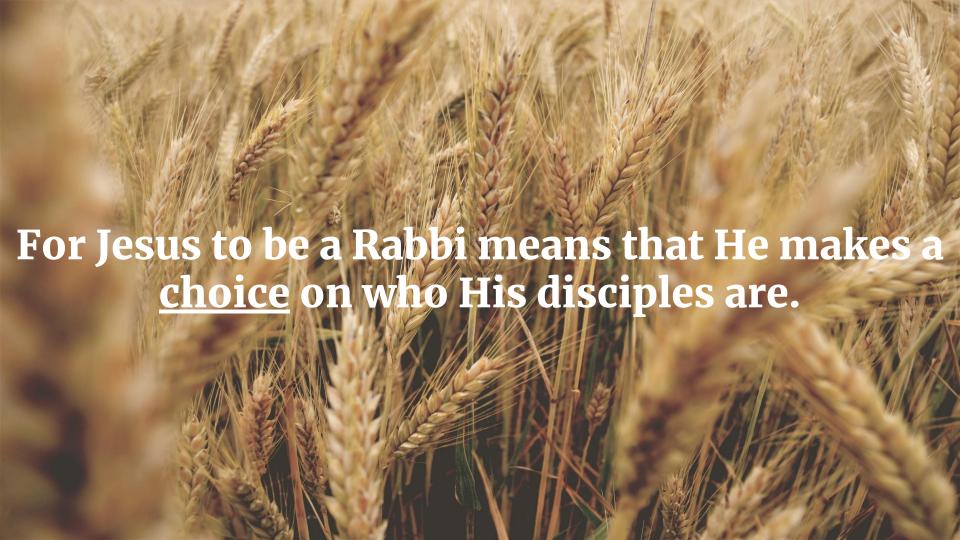
7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it. 8 Still other seed fell on good ground and produced fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times what was sown. 9 Let anyone who has ears listen."10 Then the disciples came up and asked him, "Why are you speaking to them in parables?"

Matthew 13:11-13 11 He answered, "Because the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been given for you to know, but it has not been given to them. 12 For whoever has, more will be given to him, and he will have more than enough; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 That is why I speak to them in parables, because looking they do not see, and hearing they do not listen or understand

Jesus only <u>reveals</u> the secrets of the kingdom to His disciples.

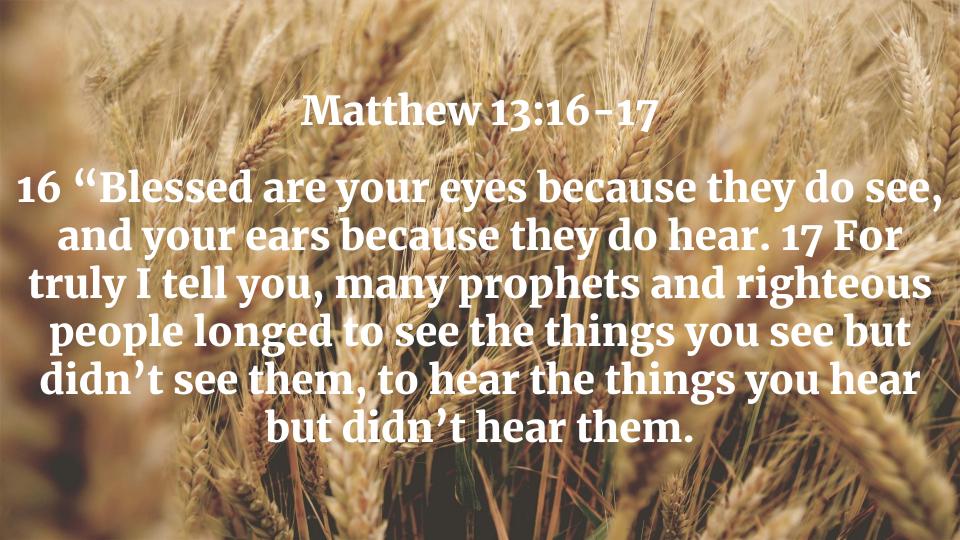
How does it make you feel when you hear Jesus say "whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him"?

How does it make you feel that Jesus taught in a way that would intentionally conceal the secrets of the Kingdom?



Matthew 13:14-15

14 Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You will listen and listen, but never understand; you will look and look, but never perceive. 15 For this people's heart has grown callous; their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; otherwise they might see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn back—and I would heal them.





Ezekiel 11:19b-21

...I will remove their heart of stone from their bodies and give them a heart of flesh, 20 so that they will follow my statutes, keep my ordinances, and practice them. They will be my people, and I will be their God. 21 But as for those whose hearts pursue their desire for abhorrent acts and detestable practices, I will bring their conduct down on their own heads." This is the declaration of the Lord God.



