



Parables and Pythons

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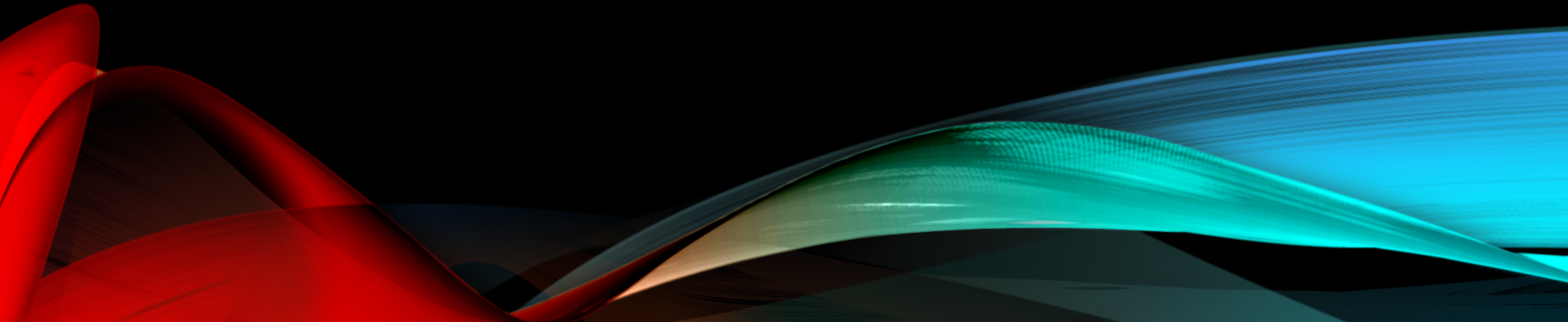
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CLASS AGENDA

- Bible Study
 - Parables of Jesus in the Gospels
- The Golden Age of British Comedy
 - The Bridge of Death
- Computer Programming Contest

BIBLE STUDY: THE PARABLES OF JESUS



THE PARABLES OF JESUS IN THE GOSPELS

Parable	Mark	Matthew	Luke
Wedding Guests	2:19-20	9:15	5:34-35
Garments & Wineskins	2:21-22	9:16-17	5:36-39
Beelzebub/Satan & Strong Man	3:23-27	12:24-29	11:15, 17-21
Sower & Seed	4:3-8	13:3-9	8:5-8
Lamp on a Stand	4:21	5:15	8:16, 11:33
Seed Growing Secretly	4:26-29	13:24-30	
Mustard Seed	4:30-32	13:31-32	13:18-19
Things That Defile	7:14-17	15:10-11	
Salt	9:50	5:13	14:34
Camel & Eye of Needle	10:25	19:24	18:25
Wicked Tenants	12:1-11	21:33-44	20:9-18
Budding Fig Tree	13:28-29	24:32-33	21:29-31
Doorkeeper	13:33-37		
Specks and Planks in Eyes		7:3-4	6:41-42

THE PARABLES OF JESUS IN THE GOSPELS

Parable	Mark	Matthew	Luke
Good and Bad Fruit		7:16-20	6:43-44
Two Houses, Built on Rock or Earth		7:24-27	6:47-49
Children in the Market Place		11:16-19	7:31-35
Return of the Unclean Spirit		12:43-45	11:24-26
Burglar		24:43-44	12:39-40
Servant Entrusted with Supervision		24:45-51	12:42-46
Going before the Judge		5:25-26	12:58-59
Leaven		13:33	13:20-21
Great Supper		22:1-10	14:16-24
Lost Sheep		18:12-14	15:3-7
Serving Two Masters		6:24-25	16:13
Pounds or Talents		25:14-30	19:12-27
Good and Bad Fruit		7:16-20	6:43-44
Two Houses, Built on Rock or Earth		7:24-27	6:47-49

WHAT ARE THE THEMES IN THE PARABLES?

- There were, in general, several themes common throughout the parables.
 - The Jewish Harvest
 - The Gospel Age
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- However, the parables were meant as a “set” or “collection” and are not designed nor intended to stand on their own. You must read them all to understand the truths for each theme.

WHO WERE THE PARABLES INTENDED FOR?

- The parables were primarily meant to be heard by the Jews.
- The language in the text is clear – the use of “they” versus “us”, where “us” are those knowledgeable of Christ and His kingdom.
- We/us were meant to understand, they were not meant to understand.
- So, why did Jesus use parables to speak to us?
 - Stories can help us understand the themes better.
 - Stories are timeless in nature – we can equate them even to modern standards.
 - More importantly, Jesus wanted us to be able to understand them when we reach a certain level of understanding His kingdom.
 - What parables you read now may reveal other truths when read again in the future.

SO, WHY DID JESUS SPEAK IN PARABLES?

- Most people believe Jesus spoke in parables because He was a master teacher.
- Some suggest Jesus purposefully chose obscure stories to capture attention and confound His listeners.
- However, when the disciples asked Him about that, He said *"The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that, 'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!'"* (Mark 4:11-12)
- Jesus was saying that His parables hid the truth from some and yet revealed it to others.
- Jesus was also telling the disciples that they already had the knowledge they needed to understand the parables because they were given the knowledge of Christ.
- Jesus quoted Isaiah 6:9-10 to emphasize the prophetic intent of the parables.

HOW WERE THE PARABLES PROPHETIC?

- He used the stories to reveal truth to the disciples.
 - They had a responsibility to listen and understand.
 - They had the privilege to ask questions.
 - The secrets of the parables were revealed to them.
 - This gave them the privilege to teach the truth and morality to others.
- He used the stories to hide the true nature of His ministry until all prophecies about Him could be fulfilled.
 - Jesus came to not only proclaim redemption, but to accomplish it in the flesh.
 - Thus, some things had to remain mysterious until after His resurrection.
- The parables effected judgement.
 - The moral aspects of the stories were often contradictory to the audience.
 - Jesus established himself as the ultimate authority as the incarnate word.

SO, WHEN DID JESUS START USING PARABLES?

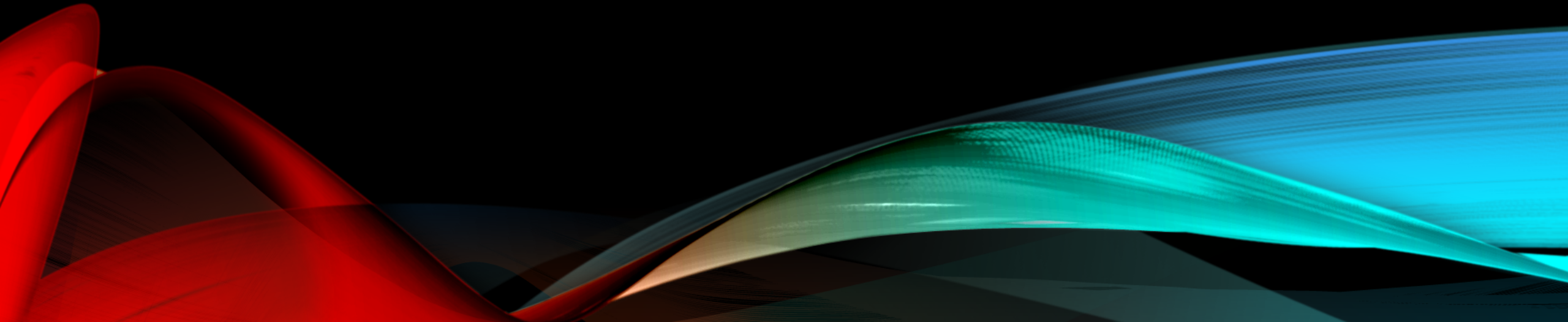
- It is pretty common to hear some claim Jesus taught with parables his entire ministry, but that isn't true. Through most of His ministry his teachings did not include parables.
- So, why did He start and when?
- If you read the Gospels carefully, you will find Jesus starting using parables later in His ministry.
- Jesus begun using parables on the Sabbath about 2 years into His ministry (Mark 13).
 - Lazarus had been raised from the dead.
 - He healed on the Sabbath then went to sit in the boat and spoke in parables.
 - The Pharisees were hunting Him and the parables fanned the flames.
- More importantly, He wanted to ensure the Jews knew who He was after He was gone.

CONCLUSIONS

- Jesus chose to use parables to hide the truth from the Jewish leaders and set the stage for revelations to come after His resurrection.
- Jesus also used parables to mask His authority. Only He has the authority to judge, not the religious leaders (they didn't like that).
- Jesus' legacy as the Lord of all is both concealed in the parables from unbelievers and revealed to believers.
- **Most importantly:** Jesus spoke in parables so that only the enlightened would understand. Those of the world find the parables a mystery – one that can only be completely solved when you are saved by His blood.

Things which eye has not seen, ear has not heard, have not entered the heart of man. All that God has prepared for those who love Him.

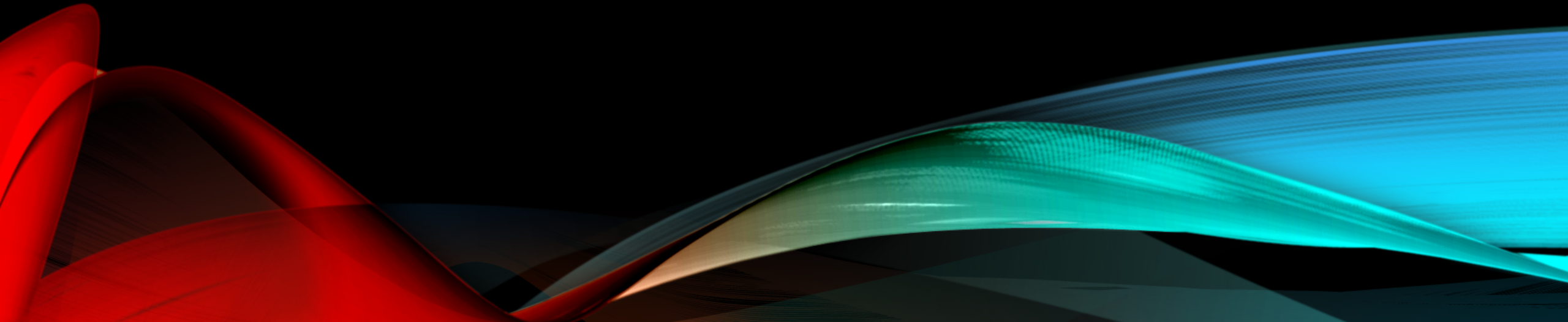
THE GOLDEN AGE OF BRITISH COMEDY





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COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CONTEST



CONTEST RULES

- You can attempt as many challenges as you like.
- Each challenge has a maximum point total – those with higher values are more complicated.
- You can earn partial credit for each challenge if it is partially correct, but there must be no syntax errors.
- You may not use the Internet to search for solutions.
- You may ask for explanation of technical details, but you may not ask any Python questions.
- The student with the highest point total wins.
- Name your solution to match the number of the challenge. For example, challenge_01.py or solution_03.py.
- You must email your solutions to me by the end of class (drcharlesbell@gmail.com).
- Winner will be notified by email.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

