

The Gospel of Matthew - Chapter 13:31-58

Recap

1. Jesus uses parables as a way to O M R E everyday situations to His lessons.
2. The parable of the _____ involves an enemy who sows weeds in a farmer's _____ field.

I. The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

1. Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a U S A seed.
2. Despite a mustard seed's small size, it will produce a _____ tree.
3. Jesus also compares the kingdom of heaven to _____ that is mixed into flour.
4. Both parables demonstrate the R T H of the kingdom.
5. Jesus' usage of parables fulfilled the words of Psalm 78:2.
 - a. "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."
6. Discussion Point:
 - a. **Why was it important for Jesus to point out His fulfillment of Psalm 78:2?**

II. The Parable of the Weeds Explained

1. Jesus explains the parable of the weeds to His disciples:
 - a. The sower of the wheat is the Son of A
 - b. The good seeds are people of the _____
 - c. The weeds are the people of the _____ one
 - d. The sower of the weeds is _____
 - e. The harvest represents the _____ of the age
 - f. The harvesters are God's _____
2. The evil ones will be weeded out of the K N G M and thrown into the _____.
3. The righteous will H E like the sun.
4. **Discussion Points:**
 - a. **What is the significance of the enemy attacking the farmer's field at night?**
 - b. **At what point did the farmer notice the weeds?**
 - c. **Why does the farmer advise the servants to wait until the harvest?**

III. The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

1. The kingdom of heaven is like __ R E __ __ U R __.
2. The man who found the treasure in the field _____ all he had to buy the field.
3. The kingdom of heaven is like fine _____.
4. Both parables demonstrate the V __ __ U __ of the kingdom of heaven.
5. Both treasures are hidden and must be _____.
6. **Discussion Point:**
 - a. **How does the parable of the hidden treasure compare to the story of the Samaritan woman?**
 - b. **How does the parable of the pearl compare to the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch?**

IV. The Parable of the Net

1. The kingdom of heaven is like a _____ cast into a lake.
2. The fishermen S __ __ __ R __ T E the good fish from the bad.
3. Jesus compares _____ of both the Old and New Laws to the owner of a storeroom.

V. A Prophet Without Honor

1. Upon Jesus' return to Nazareth, many people began to Q __ __ S __ __ O __ His abilities.
2. Jesus said "A _____ is not without honor except in his own __ __ M E."