

Matthew Lesson 13

13:24-30 The Parable of the Weeds (explained in 13:36-43)

1. What does Jesus teach with this parable?
2. Who is the “enemy” in both this parable and the Parable of the Sower?
3. When will Jesus separate the good believers from the bad unbelievers?
4. How does this parable help you live your life?
5. Remember that endings of parables can be different in real life. How might you work to change the ending of this parable for someone you meet who is a “weed seed”?

13:31-35 The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

6. Why did Jesus use parables with a farming background?
7. What is the truth about the kingdom of God that Jesus teaches in these two parables?
8. What does this parable teach us about the size of our faith and the future God has in store for us?
9. On the effects of evil or bad yeast look at Mark 8:15. What was Jesus warning the disciples about?
10. Who causes yeast-like growth of faith inside of us?

13:44-46 The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

11. What is Jesus teaching us with these two parables?

13:47-52 The Parable of the Net

12. What is a “bad” fish?

13. What is Jesus teaching in this parable?

14. Whose job is it to separate the good people from the bad people?

Notice how this helps us avoid the wrong idea that God gives us the power to destroy all evil people over any sin they might commit.

15. What is Jesus telling the disciples to do in verse 52 with the insight they have gained from Jesus teaching them these parables?

13:53-58 A Prophet without Honor

16. What is the “hometown” of Jesus?

17. In verse 56 why could the people not accept the teachings and truths which Jesus taught them?

Notice in verse 57 how Jesus not only fulfilled positive prophecies about the coming Messiah, but he also fulfilled negative prophecy.

18. According to verse 59 why could Jesus not do many miracles?