



SUNDAY CLASS

11/30/08

Key Verses: Matthew 13: 13:1-23

Matthew 13:1 (New International Version)

The Parable of the Sower

1That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.

Mark 4:1-12 (New International Version)

The Parable of the Sower

1Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. **2**He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: **3**"Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. **4**As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5**Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. **6**But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7**Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. **8**Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times."

9Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."**10**When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. **11**He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables **12**so that, " 'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!'^[a]"

Luke 8:4-10 (New International Version)

4While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: **5**"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. **6**Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. **7**Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. **8**Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." **9**His disciples asked him what this parable meant. **10**He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, " 'though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.'

Matthew 13:2 (New International Version)

2Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

Mark 3:9 (New International Version)

9Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him.

Luke 5:3 (New International Version)

3He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

Matthew 13:3 (New International Version)

3Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed.

Matthew 13:34-36 (New International Version)

34Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. **35**So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:
"I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

36Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

Matthew 15:15 (New International Version)

15Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

Matthew 21:33 (New International Version)

The Parable of the Tenants

33"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey.

Matthew 21:45 (New International Version)

45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them.

Matthew 22:1 (New International Version)

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:

Matthew 24:32 (New International Version)

32 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

Mark 4:2 (New International Version)

2 He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said:

Matthew 13:4 (New International Version)

4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

Matthew 13:5 (New International Version)

5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.

Matthew 13:6 (New International Version)

6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

Matthew 13:7 (New International Version)

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

Matthew 13:8 (New International Version)

8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Genesis 26:12 (New International Version)

12 Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him.

Matthew 13:23 (New International Version)

23But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Matthew 13:9 (New International Version)

9He who has ears, let him hear."

Matthew 11:15 (New International Version)

15He who has ears, let him hear.

Matthew 13:43 (New International Version)

43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Luke 8:8 (New International Version)

8Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Luke 14:35 (New International Version)

35It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Revelation 2:7 (New International Version)

7He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:11 (New International Version)

11He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Revelation 2:17 (New International Version)

17He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

Revelation 2:29 (New International Version)

29He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3:6 (New International Version)

6He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3:13 (New International Version)

13He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3:22 (New International Version)

22He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Matthew 13:10 (New International Version)

10The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

Matthew 9:10 (New International Version)

10While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples.

Mark 10:10 (New International Version)

10When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this.

Luke 6:1 (New International Version)

Lord of the Sabbath

1One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels.

John 6:3 (New International Version)

3Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples.

Acts 6:1 (New International Version)

The Choosing of the Seven

1In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

Matthew 13:11 (New International Version)

11He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them."

Matthew 11:25 (New International Version)

Rest for the Weary

25At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children."

Matthew 19:11 (New International Version)

11Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given."

1 Corinthians 2:10 (New International Version)

10but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

Colossians 1:27 (New International Version)

27To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1 John 2:20 (New International Version)

20But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.

Matthew 13:12 (New International Version)

12Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

Matthew 25:29 (New International Version)

29For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

Luke 8:18 (New International Version)

18Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken from him."

Luke 19:26 (New International Version)

26"He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away.

John 15:2 (New International Version)

2He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful.

James 4:6 (New International Version)

6But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Matthew 13:13 (New International Version)

13This is why I speak to them in parables:
"Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

Deuteronomy 29:4 (New International Version)

4 But to this day the LORD has not given you a mind that understands or eyes that see or ears that hear.

Isaiah 42:19-20 (New International Version)

19 Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one committed to me, blind like the servant of the LORD ? **20** You have seen many things, but have paid no attention; your ears are open, but you hear nothing."

Jeremiah 5:21 (New International Version)

21 Hear this, you foolish and senseless people, who have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not hear:

Ezekiel 12:2 (New International Version)

2 "Son of man, you are living among a rebellious people. They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious people.

Matthew 15:10 (New International Version)

10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand.

Matthew 16:12 (New International Version)

12 Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Matthew 17:13 (New International Version)

13 Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

Mark 8:21 (New International Version)

21 He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

Matthew 13:14 (New International Version)

14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:
" 'You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

Isaiah 6:9 (New International Version)

9 He said, "Go and tell this people:
" 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding;
be ever seeing, but never perceiving.'

Mark 4:12 (New International Version)

12so that, " 'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!'

Luke 8:10 (New International Version)

10He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, " 'though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.'

John 12:40 (New International Version)

40"He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them."

Acts 28:26-27 (New International Version)

26" 'Go to this people and say,
"You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving."
27For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.'

Romans 11:8 (New International Version)

8as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear, to this very day."

Matthew 13:15 (New International Version)

15For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.^[a]

Isaiah 6:9-10 (New International Version)

9 He said, "Go and tell this people:
" 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding;
be ever seeing, but never perceiving.'

10 Make the heart of this people calloused;
make their ears dull
and close their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed."

Matthew 15:8 (New International Version)

8" 'These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

Hebrews 5:11 (New International Version)

Warning Against Falling Away

11We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn.

Matthew 13:16 (New International Version)

16**But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.**

Matthew 16:17 (New International Version)

17Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

Luke 10:23-24 (New International Version)

23Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.

24For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

John 20:29 (New International Version)

29Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Matthew 13:17 (New International Version)

17For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

John 8:56 (New International Version)

56Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

Hebrews 11:13 (New International Version)

13All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

1 Peter 1:10-12 (New International Version)

10Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, **11**trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. **12**It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

Matthew 13:18 (New International Version)

18"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means:

Mark 4:13-20 (New International Version)

13Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? **14**The farmer sows the word. **15**Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. **16**Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. **17**But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **18**Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; **19**but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. **20**Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

Luke 8:11-15 (New International Version)

11"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. **12**Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they

may not believe and be saved. **13**Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. **14**The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. **15**But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Matthew 13:19 (New International Version)

19When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

Matthew 4:23 (New International Version)

Jesus Heals the Sick

23Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Matthew 5:37 (New International Version)

37Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Matthew 6:13 (New International Version)

13And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'

Matthew 13:20 (New International Version)

20The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.

Isaiah 58:2 (New International Version)

2 For day after day they seek me out;
they seem eager to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that does what is right
and has not forsaken the commands of its God.
They ask me for just decisions
and seem eager for God to come near them.

Ezekiel 33:31-32 (New International Version)

31 My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to listen to your words, but they do not put them into practice. With their mouths they express devotion, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain. **32** Indeed, to them you are nothing more than one who sings love songs with a beautiful voice and plays an instrument well, for they hear your words but do not put them into practice.

Mark 6:20 (New International Version)

20because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled^[a]; yet he liked to listen to him.

John 5:35 (New International Version)

35John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

Matthew 13:21 (New International Version)

21But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

Mark 4:17 (New International Version)

17But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

Mark 10:30 (New International Version)

30will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.

Acts 8:1 (New International Version)

1And Saul was there, giving approval to his death.

The Church Persecuted and Scattered

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

Acts 13:50 (New International Version)

50But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.

Romans 8:35 (New International Version)

35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

2 Corinthians 12:10 (New International Version)

10That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Matthew 13:22 (New International Version)

22The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.

Matthew 19:23 (New International Version)

23Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mark 10:23 (New International Version)

23Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

Romans 12:2 (New International Version)

2Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (New International Version)

9People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. **10**For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

2 Timothy 4:10 (New International Version)

10for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.

1 John 2:15 (New International Version)

Do Not Love the World

15Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Matthew 13:23 (New International Version)

23But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."