



SUNDAY CLASS

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Key Verses: Matthew 13: 13:24-43

Matthew 13:24 (New International Version)

The Parable of the Weeds

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.



The Good Farmer, Probably the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares. Verso: Rough Sketch of Two or Three Figures in a Landscape circa 1780-5

William Blake 1757-1827

Matthew 18:23 (New International Version)

23"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

[Matthew 20:1 \(New International Version\)](#)

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard.

[Matthew 25:1 \(New International Version\)](#)

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

[Mark 4:26 \(New International Version\)](#)

The Parable of the Growing Seed

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.

[Mark 4:30 \(New International Version\)](#)

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?

[Matthew 13:25 \(New International Version\)](#)

But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

[Matthew 13:26 \(New International Version\)](#)

26When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

[Matthew 13:27 \(New International Version\)](#)

27"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

Matthew 10:24 (New International Version)

"A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

Colossians 3:11 (New International Version)

Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Colossians 4:1 (New International Version)

Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

Revelation 1:1 (New International Version)

Prologue

1The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

Matthew 13:28 (New International Version)

" 'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

Matthew 13:29 (New International Version)

" 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them.

Matthew 13:30 (New International Version)

Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.' "

Matthew 13:31 (New International Version)

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

Mark 4:30-32 (New International Version)

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? **31** It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. **32** Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

Luke 13:18-19 (New International Version)

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

18 Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? **19** It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches."

Matthew 17:20 (New International Version)

20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Luke 17:6 (New International Version)

6 He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

Matthew 13:32 (New International Version)

32 Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

Psalms 104:12 (New International Version)

12 The birds of the air nest by the waters;
they sing among the branches.

Ezekiel 17:23 (New International Version)

23 On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches.

Ezekiel 31:6 (New International Version)

All the birds of the air
nested in its boughs,
all the beasts of the field
gave birth under its branches;
all the great nations
lived in its shade.

Daniel 4:12 (New International Version)

12 Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant, and on it was food for all. Under it the beasts of the field found shelter, and the birds of the air lived in its branches; from it every creature was fed.

Matthew 13:33 (New International Version)

33He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount^[a] of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Genesis 18:6 (New International Version)

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs^[a] of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread."

Luke 13:21 (New International Version)

21It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount^[a] of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Galatians 5:9 (New International Version)

9"A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough."

Matthew 13:34 (New International Version)

34Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.

Mark 4:34 (New International Version)

34He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

John 10:6 (New International Version)

6Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

John 16:25 (New International Version)

25"Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father.

Matthew 13:35 (New International Version)

35So 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."

Psalms 78:2 (New International Version)

2 I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old-

Romans 16:25-26 (New International Version)

25Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, **26**but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him—

1 Corinthians 2:7 (New International Version)

7No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

Ephesians 3:9 (New International Version)

9and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

Colossians 1:26 (New International Version)

26the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.

Matthew 13:36 (New International Version)

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."



WHEAT AND TARES LOOK SO MUCH ALIKE – CAN YOU TELL WHICH IS WHICH?

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.

Matthew 13:37 (New International Version)

37 He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

Matthew 13:38 (New International Version)

38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

Matthew 8:12 (New International Version)

12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

John 8:44 (New International Version)

44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Acts 13:10 (New International Version)

10 "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?"

1 John 3:10 (New International Version)

10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

Matthew 13:39 (New International Version)

39and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

Joel 3:13 (New International Version)

**Swing the sickle,
for the harvest is ripe.
Come, trample the grapes,
for the winepress is full
and the vats overflow—
so great is their wickedness!"**

Hebrews 9:26 (New International Version)

26Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Revelation 14:15 (New International Version)

15Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

Matthew 13:40 (New International Version)

40"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

Matthew 24:3 (New International Version)

3As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Matthew 28:20 (New International Version)

20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 13:41 (New International Version)

41The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

Zephaniah 1:3 (New International Version)

**"I will sweep away both men and animals;
I will sweep away the birds of the air
and the fish of the sea.
The wicked will have only heaps of rubble ^[a]
when I cut off man from the face of the earth,"
declares the LORD.**

Matthew 8:20 (New International Version)

20Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

Matthew 18:7 (New International Version)

7"Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come!

Matthew 24:31 (New International Version)

31And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Matthew 13:42 (New International Version)

42They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 8:12 (New International Version)

12But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Revelation 1:15 (New International Version)

15His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

Revelation 9:2 (New International Version)

2When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.

Revelation 19:20 (New International Version)

20But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Revelation 20:10 (New International Version)

10And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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.

Daniel 12:3 (New International Version)

3 Those who are wise ^[a] will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Matthew 11:15 (New International Version)

15He who has ears, let him hear.

1 Corinthians 15:42 (New International Version)

42So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;