

Logos Class – Gospel of Matthew

On-Campus and Zoom class for Dec 4, 2022

Matt. Ch 13 – Parables, Parables, Parables

Our next few weeks ...

✓ *Nov 13, 2022 – Matt 10B*

✓ *Nov 20, 2022 – Matt Ch 11*

>>> *Nov 24th - Thanksgiving*

✓ *Nov 27, 2022 – Matt Ch 12*

>>> *Early voting starts tomorrow in Forsyth and Dawson Counties, not sure about Cherokee, but Fulton started Saturday, I think.*

✓ *Dec 4, 2022 – Matt Ch 13*

>>> *Dec 6, 2022 – Runoff Election – GO VOTE!!*

• *Dec 11, 2022 – Christmas Lesson 1*

• *Dec 18, 2022 – Christmas Lesson 2*

• *Dec 25, 2022 – **No class on Christmas Day***

To finish up last week's discussion...Ch 12:46-50

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

46 While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him.

47 Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

48 He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"

49 Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers.

50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Matt 13 Some things are changing

- *Jesus begins to take His ministry from the Synagogues to the outdoors. He teaches at the seashore, houses, boats, highways...anywhere the people were is where He ministered and taught*
- *He also moves from teaching plainly with mini parables or illustrations to teaching in full-blown parables.*
- *This is important and there are many reasons for both changes which we will discuss as we move into Chapter 13*

Matt 13:1-9 The Parable of the Sower / Soils

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

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

³ ***Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “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.***

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

⁹ ***Whoever has ears, let them hear.”***

Matt 13: Picture of the Soils



- Fields
- Paths
- Rocky Soil
- Good soil
- Weedy soil

Matt 13:10-13 Why Parables?

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

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

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

¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables:

*“Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.*

Matt 13:14-17

14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:(Isa 6:9,10)

***“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.***

***15 For 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.’***

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

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

Matt 13:18-23 Jesus explains Parable of Sower

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the Sower means:

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

*²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to **someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.***

*²¹ 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.***

*²² The seed falling **among the thorns** refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.*

*²³ But the seed falling on **good soil** refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who **produces a crop**, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”*

Matt 13:24-28 Parable of the Weeds

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

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

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?’

²⁸ ““An enemy did this,’ he replied.

Matt 13:28b-30 Disposition of Weeds

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.

³⁰ 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.”

Matt 13:31-33 *Mustard Seeds and Yeast*

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

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

33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

Matt 13:34-35 Explanations

³⁴ Jesus 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:

Ps 78:2

*“I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”*

***Remember Matthew’s purpose for writing the Gospel of
Matthew***

Matt 13:36-43 Parable of the Weeds explained

*³⁶ Then 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.”***

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

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

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

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

⁴¹ The 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.

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

*⁴³ **Then** the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.*

Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Matt 13:44-46 The Treasure and the Pearl

*44 “The kingdom of heaven is like **treasure hidden** in a field. When **a man found it**, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and **sold all he had and bought that field.**”*

*45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is **like a merchant looking for fine pearls.**”*

*46 When he found one of great value, he went away and **sold everything he had and bought it**”*

Matt 13:47-52 Parable of the Net

*47 “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is **like a net that was let down into the lake** and caught all kinds of fish.*

48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets but threw the bad away.

*49 **This is how it will be at the end of the age.** The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous*

50 and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

*51 “**Have you understood all these things?**” Jesus asked.*

“Yes,” they replied.

*52 He said to them, “Therefore **every teacher of the law who has become a disciple** in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom **new treasures as well as old.**”*

Matt 13:53-58 Prophets and Honor

53 When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there.

*54 Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. **“Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?”** they asked.*

*55 **“Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?”***

*56 **Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”***

*57 **And they took offense at him.***

*But Jesus said to them, **“A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.”***

*58 **And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.***

Finally

- *Thank you for coming today, come back next week*
- *If you have not voted yet, Please go do it Tuesday. It is important*
- *Pray for our country and its leaders*
- *Our state and County and their leaders*
- *Our church and the pastors and leaders*
- *Our class and all the prayer needs*
- *For yourself, that you will come to the Lord fully and follow wherever He leads.*
- *God bless you and your families*
- *Next week Christmas Lesson 1 of 2*