

Bible Study 2023-2024

Class #4

9/3/23

Matthew 13 (Cont)

- The seven parables listed in Matthew
 - Parable of the Sower
 - Parable of the Tares (*darnel*)
 - Parable of the Mustard Seed
 - Parable of the Leaven
 - Parable of the Hidden Treasure
 - Parable of the Pearl
 - Parable of Drawing in the Net

Matthew 13 (Cont)

- **Matthew 13:53-54** *“And when Jesus had finished these parables,...Where did this man get all this?”*
 - Upon finishing these parables, Matthew tells us that Jesus went away (This is where we should put a Roman numeral III to mark the end of the third book)
 - Father reminded us that Jesus use of the parables was not simply the way Jesus taught
 - It became the way He taught after the crowd had turned on Him

Matthew 13 (Cont)

- For us modern Christians, because we are inside the house (Church), the parables are a great vehicle for teaching something that is very profound
- But, one must understand the code to unlock the mystery (otherwise it will remain nonsense to us)
- What is of real interest is that Jesus' teaching at that time was the fulfillment of **Isaiah 6:9-13***
- He was preaching to the people and they were not hearing him

Matthew 13 (Cont)

- He was doing works and they were not receiving them
- He continued to do what he was doing, but now the way he does it was a condemnation of the crowds who saw but did not perceive; heard but did not truly listen or understand
- As seen above (**Matthew 13:34**) Parables were also discussed in **Psalm 78:1-2***
- Jesus then went to his home town for a brief visit (**Matthew 13:53-58**)

Synoptics 23 – 24

- Matthew 14

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- **Matthew 14:1-12** *“At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about fame of Jesus;...It is not lawful for you to have here...and they went and told Jesus”*
 - Here, we can observe a difference between Matthew and Mark
 - Matthew assumes that you (a good Jew) knows the “con-Sanguinetti law” of **Leviticus 18:16**- which forbids marriage between relatives of the same blood line
 - Mark, writing to Hellenized Jews or Gentile converts, explains the issue to his listeners (**Mark 6:17-18**)

Matthew 14 (Cont)

- **Matthew 14:13-21** *“Now when Jesus heard this,...besides women and children.”*
 - This was a lonely, deserted place on the north eastern side of the Sea of Galilee between *Gennesaret* and *Capernaum* (today there is a small church at this site)
 - The disciples were asking Jesus to send the crowds who were from Capernaum and Gennesaret to return home where they could buy food
 - Jesus told them not to and then asked what food was available at that location

Matthew 14 (Cont)

- The disciples produced five loaves and five fish
- Jesus blessed the food, broke it and gave it to the disciples, and the people ate, were satisfied, and the disciples collected 12 baskets of leftovers
- Approximately 5000 men plus women and children were fed!
- These numbers do not seem to simply be a coincidence as:
 - 5 should remind us of the Pentateuch
 - 12 represents the 12 tribes of Israel
- This is a very Jewish story as we will see when the second multiplication of the loaves is given to a Gentile audience (Matthew 15)