



Summer in the Parables
 Class II: Parables of the Kingdom
 Grace Church Bellingham, July 9, 2024

Chapter Numbers of Some Pivotal Events in the Gospels														
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	
Gospel	Total No. of Chaps.	Jesus' Baptism	Jesus' Temptation	The Parable of the Sower	The Feeding of the 5,000	Peter's Confession	Jesus' First Prophecy of His Death	The Transfiguration	Jesus' Second Prophecy of His Death	Jesus' Third Prophecy of His Death	Palm Sunday	Jesus' Death	Jesus' Resurrection	Jesus' Ascension
Matt	28	3	4	13	14	16	16	17	17	20	21	27	28	(28)
Mark	16	1	1	4	6	8	8	9	9	10	11	15	16	(16)
Luke	24	3	4	8	9	9	9	9	9	18	19	23	24	24 (+ Acts 1)
John	21	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	12	19	20	-



Matthew	Parable	Mark	Luke
13:1-9	The Sower	4:1-9	8:4-8
13:10-17	The purpose of parables	4:10-12	8:9-10
13:18-23	Interpretation of the Sower	4:13-20	8:11-15
5:15	The Lamp	4:21-25	8:16-18
(missing)	The Growing Seed	4:26-29	(missing)
13:24-30	The Weeds	(missing)	(missing)
13:31-32	The Mustard Seed	4:30-32	13:18-19
13:33	The Leaven	(missing)	13:20-21
13:34-35	Jesus says nothing without a parable	4:33-34	(missing)
13:36-43	Interpretation of the Weeds	(missing)	(missing)
13:44	The Treasure Hidden in a Field	(missing)	(missing)
13:45-46	The Pearl of Great Price	(missing)	(missing)
13:47-50	The Net	(missing)	(missing)
13:51-52	The Householder	(missing)	(missing)



TEACHING MINISTRY OF JESUS

	Kingdom		Grace		Judgment	
Baptism & Temptation	Parables	Feeding 5k	Parables	Palm Sunday	Parables	Death, Resurrection
Matt 3-4 Mark 1 Luke 3-4		Matt 14, Luke 9, Mark 6		Matt 21, Luke 19, Mark 11		Matt 27-28, Luke 23-24, Mark 16

TELL US ABOUT THE KINGDOM

Everywhere
 Mysterious
 At Work
 Responded To
 (mostly hostile)



LEADING IN

Lamp (Mark/Luke) Growing Seed (Mark)

Everywhere
Mysterious
At Work
Responded To

Luke 8:16 "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. 17 For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light. 18 Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

Mark 4:26 And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. 28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

WEEDS

Matthew 13:24 He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

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Like Matthew 6:12

WEEDS, REDUX ...since you asked...

Parts	v.	Id'd
Sower	37	Son of Man
Field	38	World
Good Seed	38	Sons of Kingdom
Weeds	38	Sons of evil one
Enemy	39	Devil
Reapers	41	Angels

What's your role in ESCHATOLOGY?

Kingdom as Treasure Kingdom as Merchant

You finding
&
God finding

Matthew 13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

NET

Everywhere
Mysterious
At Work
Responded To

Matthew 13:47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. 48 When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

DO YOU GRASP?

Matthew 13:51 "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." 52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Everywhere
Mysterious (hidden)
At Work Now
Responded To
(in midst of hostility)

Then look what you have
And look what you do

A thesaurus of old
and new connections

"Behold, I am making all things new."
(Revelation 21:5)

So what do you know about the Kingdom?
What connections to "old and new" come to mind?
What is your part (and not your part) in its arrival?
How is Jesus' presentation surprising – and reassuring?.