

THE GREATEST TREASURE IS JESUS

Matthew 13:24-58

Key Verse: 13:44

1. There are 6 parables in verses 24-52. What are they and what is their common theme? Read verses 24-30. To whom was this parable spoken? When and where and to whom was the explanation given? (34-36) How is scripture continually fulfilled by Jesus?
2. Look again at the parable of the weeds (24-30). What happened to the field which the owner sowed with good seed? Why didn't the owner let his servants pull up the weeds? When would the weeds be dealt with?
3. Read verses 36-43. Who is the sower? What is the field? The good seed? The weeds? Who is in charge of the final judgment? What will his angels consign to the fiery furnace? What does this parable teach us about the kingdom of heaven?
4. Read verses 31-32. How is the kingdom of heaven like a mustard seed? Read verse 33. How is the kingdom of heaven like yeast? What is similar in these two parables? What is different?
5. Read verse 44-46. How do these two parables show the supreme value of the kingdom of heaven? What is the common factor and what is different in the two parables? How can we apply these parables to practical life?

6. Read verses 47-50. What does this parable teach about the kingdom of heaven? How does this parable underscore the parable of the weeds in the field? What can we learn?

7. Read verses 51-52. Did the disciples understand? Why is it good to know the Bible, even though we may not immediately understand everything? (What else do you think verse 52 might mean?)

8. Read verses 53-58. Why could Jesus do no mighty works in his hometown? What does this teach us about the importance of faith? Why must we believe Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of heaven?