

The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds: The Question of Evil, Why It Exists Mathew 13: 24–30

(Mt. 13:36-43)

1. <i>The parable:</i> <i>Describes the Kingdom of Heaven</i> <i>(vv. 31-43 for interpretation)</i> 2. <i>A man sows good seed</i> a. He diligently sows b. He owns the field 3. <i>An enemy sows weeds</i> a. He sows secretly b. He sows in the same field – among the good seed 4. <i>A day for fruit comes</i> a. Wheat appears b. Weeds appear 5. <i>A day of questioning comes</i> a. Question 1: Where do the weeds come from? b. The answer: An enemy sowed them c. Question 2: Should we root up the weeds? d. The answer: 1) Do not, for you will root up some wheat along with the weeds 2) Let both grow together 6. <i>A day of harvest is coming</i> a. Weeds: Will be bundled and burned b. Wheat: Will be gathered into the owner's barn	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. 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 root up 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.”
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The Parable of the Mustard Seed: The Growth and Greatness of Christianity Mathew 13: 31–32

(Mk 4:30-32; Lk 13:18-19)

- 1. *The parable:***
Describes the kingdom
(Christianity)
- 2. *The mustard seed was planted***
 - a. A man deliberately took and planted the seed
 - b. Planted in his field
- 3. *The mustard seed grew and became the greatest of bushes***
 - a. Was the smallest seed
 - b. Grew into the greatest of bushes
 - c. The result:
Birds come and lodge in its branches

- 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 small —
lest 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.”

The Parable of the Leaven or Yeast: The Transforming Power of the Gospel Mathew 13: 33

(Lk 13:20-21)

- 1. *The parable:***
Describes the Kingdom of Heaven
- 2. *Leaven (the gospel)***
is deliberately taken
- 3. *Leaven is mixed in unfinished flour***
- 4. *Leaven silently transforms***
the whole lump

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