

October 14/Day 287

Matthew 13

Verses 1-2

- The first question should come to mind is *what day?* We can find this answer by looking back to Matthew 12. Remember that the chapter and verse divisions are man-made. The original texts were written out without these divisions. They were added so we can find our way around the text efficiently.

Verses 3-9

- A parable is a lesson based off a simple story which illustrates the message. The people of the day would be well familiar with this type of story.
- What happened to the seed sown beside the road?
- What happened to the seed that fell on rocky places?
- What happened to the seed that fell among the thorns?
- What happened to the seed that fell on the good soil?
- Why do you think He says, “He who has ears, let him hear” when people are there to hear?

Verses 10-13

- What had been granted to His twelve disciples? To whom had it not been granted?
- Why does He say He speaks to them in parables? Does this have anything to do with His statement, “He who has ears, let him hear”?

Verses 14-15

- What had Isaiah said about spiritual perception?

Verses 16-17

- If people can listen, but not hear and look, but not see, how do we receive understanding?

Verses 18-23

- Going back to the parable of the sower, what happens when a person hears the word of the kingdom but does not understand it? Where had this seed fallen?
- What is the explanation of the seed that fell on the rocky place? Notice why the affliction or persecution arises.
- What is the explanation of the seed that fell among the thorns?
- What is the explanation of the seed sown in good soil?

- Some may teach these are different types of Christians, but this is not what the explanation tells us. Scripture tells us that we will bear fruit, either good fruit or bad fruit and we will be able to discern believers and false-prophets by our fruit (Matt 7, Gal 5). Fruit is not the same as works.

Verses 24-30

- Continuing with context, Jesus shares the parable of the tares and the wheat.
- What kind of seed did the man sow?
- What happened while his men were sleeping?
- Who did this?
- When did it become evident there were tares among the wheat?
- What would happen to the wheat if they tried to uproot the tares?
- What will eventually happen to the tares?

Verses 31-32

- Explain what the kingdom of heaven is like by way of the mustard seed.
- What does this mean?

Verse 33

- Usually, when the Bible speaks of leaven it's in a negative sense, representing sin. In this case, we keep context and He's talking about how faith spreads.

Verses 34-35

- How did His speaking in parables fulfill prophecy?

Verses 36-43

- Did Jesus explain the parable of the tares and wheat to the crowd? Will everyone understand?
- What is the explanation?
- What does He say in the last phrase?

Verses 44-52

- What are some other things He compared with the kingdom of heaven?
- The men in the parables sold all they had to obtain the treasure. If the kingdom of heaven is like this, is it valuable?
- What will the angels do and when?
- What does He say about specific scribes?

Verses 53-58

- How was the ministry of Jesus received by people who knew Him?

Luke 8

Verses 1-3

- What three women does Luke tell us about?
- What does he say about them?

- Following is Luke's account of the parables.

Verses 4-15

- According to verse 15, how is the seed sown in the good soil played out?

Verses 16-18

- What will happen to what's been hidden?

Verses 19-21

- Who is our spiritual family?

Verses 22-25

- What did Jesus do while in the boat?
- What did Jesus do to calm the storm?
- He has spoken all throughout this word, what is our application?
- What did the disciples question about Him?

Verses 26-32

- Where was the man who was hosting the demons live? Is there application for us?
- What did he wear? Would people have thought he was in his right mind?
- What did the demon say when it saw Jesus? What did it recognize about Him?
- What did it think Jesus might do?
- What kind of spirit was speaking?

- What had it done to the man?
- Why was the man bound in chains?
- Were the chains strong enough to contain the demon?
- What did the demon claim to be named and why? Does this give insight into the man's condition and the demons' strength?

Verses 32-33

- What does this passage tell us about Jesus's authority over demon spirits?
- What does it reveal about demons?

Verses 34-39

- Who ran and told everybody they encountered what had happened?
- How did they find the man after the demons had loosed him?
- If Jesus did a good thing, why did the people ask Him to leave?
- What is our application?
- What did the man go away proclaiming?
- What is our application here?

Verses 40-42

- What was wrong with Jairus's daughter?

Verses 43-48

- What did the woman do?
- What did Jesus know when this happened?
- What made her well? Her faith in her healing or her faith in her God?

Verses 49-56

- What happened to Jairus's daughter when they were delayed in getting to her?
- Who went into the house with Jesus?
- Why were they weeping?
- What did Jesus say about this?
- What did He say when He took the girl by the hand?
- How long did it take for her to get better once she was touched by Jesus and He spoke over her?
- What did He tell her parents to say about this?

See you tomorrow.