

## Questions On Matthew Chapter 13

1. Why did Jesus get into a boat to teach? (vs. 1-2)
2. Jesus often taught by parables. What is a “parable?”
  - a. In verse 10, the disciples asked Jesus why He taught in parables. The answer is given in pieces throughout verses 11-17. However, Isaiah’s prophecy as quoted in verse 15 may give the clearest answer to their question. What had some people “closed” when being taught the truth?
  - b. Verse 17 also helps by pointing out that many prophets and righteous men of the past \_\_\_\_\_ to see the things that the disciples were able to see.
  - c. Thus, parables were designed to distinguish honest truth-seekers from those who were not honest. What was it about parables that accomplished this?
3. What two parables in this chapter have later explanations within the chapter but are separated from those explanations by other teaching?
4. Matthew 13:3-8 gives the parable of the sower and verses 18-23 give its explanation. What was the basic point of this parable?
  - a. What is represented by the *path* or *wayside*?
  - b. What is represented by the *stoney ground*?
  - c. What is represented by the *thorny ground*?

- d. What is represented by the *good ground*?
5. The parable of the wheat and tares is given in verses 24-30. Its explanation is given in verses 36-43. What is the basic meaning of this parable?
- a. Using verses 37-39, the sower of the good seed is \_\_\_\_\_ and the sower of the tares is \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The good seed are the \_\_\_\_\_ and the bad seed are the \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. The field is the \_\_\_\_\_. The reapers are the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What is the point of the parables of the hidden treasure and of the costly pearl? (44-45)
7. What is the point of the parable of the dragnet? To what previous parable is it similar?
8. After the disciples affirmed that they had understood Jesus, He called them “scribes” and compared them to householders “bringing out their treasures of things new and old.” What point was Jesus here making?
9. Jesus received mixed reactions from those of His hometown. Verse 54 says that they were astonished. By what two things were they astonished?
10. What things did they cite in verse 55 as reasons why He should not be capable of these things?
11. How did they react according to verse 57?