

## Sermon Notes: The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

Introduction:

Matthew 13 is the only one of the five major speeches Jesus gives in the book of Matthew that is addressed to the crowds, rather than only to his disciples. So Jesus begins with the “Parable of the Sower/Soils,” acknowledging that there are all kinds of people listening that day.

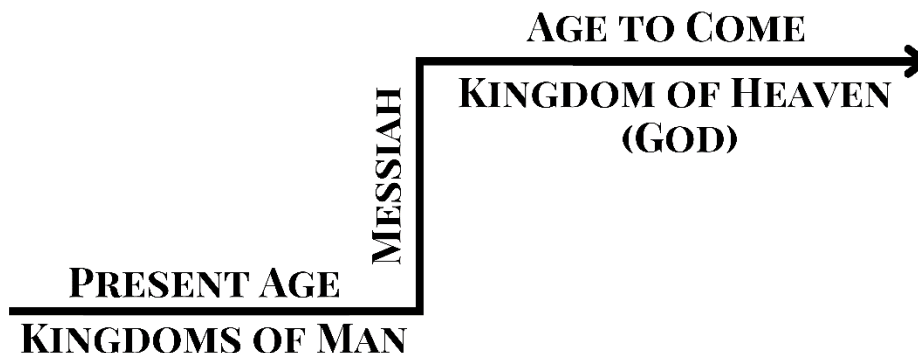
### Matthew 13:24-30

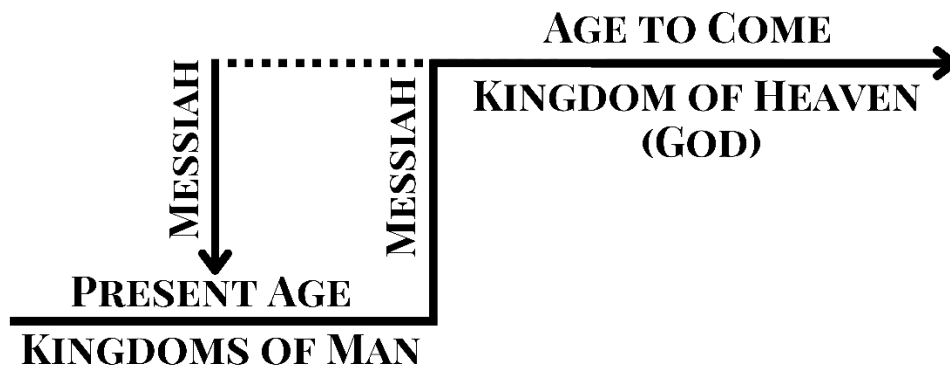
The specific kind of weeds/tares mentioned have a poisonous variety and a non-poisonous variety. The weeds could have been mildly poisonous, making the whole harvest useless.

**Matthew 13:31-33** Before Jesus explains the parable, he gives two short parables: “The Parable of the Mustard Seed” and “The Parable of the Yeast.” Both these short parables need no explanation. They are both showing that the kingdom of heaven starts small but grows to become huge.

Why was it important to teach the people that the kingdom of heaven starts small but grows to become huge?

### Matthew 13:34-35





The Kingdom of God is inaugurated but not consummated.

**Matthew 13:36**

**Matthew 13:37-39**

An allegory with 7 actors:

Sower=the Son of Man  
 Field=the world  
 Good seed=sons of the kingdom  
 Weeds= sons of the evil one  
 Enemy=the devil  
 Harvest=the end of the age  
 Reapers=angels

**Matthew 13:40-43**

**Daniel 12:2-3**

Conclusions:

The message to the Jewish crowd:

The message to Christ's first disciples:

The message to us:

1. The reality

2. The danger

3. The temptation

4. The warning

5. The opportunity

6. The outcome

Just as those who follow Christ share in his ultimate destiny, those who follow Satan share in his ultimate destiny.

**Revelation 20:10, 15**

