**Matthew 13**

1. **The Parabolic Discourse (verses 1-9)**
   1. What are parables?
   2. The parable of the sower
      1. The seed (Word) could not be planted in some soils (hardened hearts)
      2. Some received the Word in rocky places
      3. Some received the Word in a thorny place.
      4. The Word also fell in some good soil and would bear fruit.
2. **Why Jesus spoke in parables (verses 10-17).**
   1. The disciples want to know why Jesus speaks in parables
   2. Those who diligently seek will receive more
   3. Those who show no interest and fail to investigate into God’s Word will lose what they do have
   4. Their rejection was prophesied
      1. Isaiah 6:9-10
      2. John 12:37-43
   5. Those who believe and accept God’s Words will hear and see
3. **The parable of the sower explained (verses 18-23).**
4. **The parable of the wheat and tares (verses 24-30).** 
   1. Describes the Kingdom of Heaven
   2. A man sows good seeds
   3. An enemy sow weeds
   4. Both will be allowed to grow until the harvest
      1. The weeds will be bundled and burned
      2. The wheat will be gather into the barn
5. **The parable of the mustard seed (verses 31-32)**
   1. A part of the 1st set of two double parables in this Gospel
   2. Describes the growth of the Kingdom
   3. From this small mustard seed grows a large bush
   4. The kingdom starts in obscurity but grows into the greatest of kingdoms
6. **The parable of the leaven (verses 33)**
   1. Describes the Kingdom of Heaven
   2. A small lump of leaven is mixed into a large amount of flour
   3. Leaven quietly transforms (influences) the entire lump
7. **The purpose for speaking in parables (verses 34-35)**
   1. To reveal the mystery of the Gospel
   2. To fulfill scriptures
8. **Jesus explains the wheat and tare parable (verses 36-43)**
9. **The parable of the hidden treasure (verses 44)**
   1. Introduces the 2nd set of double parables
   2. Upon finding this treasure in a field, a man sell all he has in order to attain the field
      1. Worth giving up all he had in order to attain it
      2. Philippians 3:4-11
   3. Encountering the rule of God in our lives is the opportunity of a lifetime
10. **The parable of the pearl of great price (verses 45-46)**
    1. He is seeking that of value
    2. And upon finding it, he goes and sells all that he has in order to attain it
11. **The parable of the dragnet (verses 47-50)**
    1. Describes the Kingdom of Heaven
    2. Fish of all kinds are gathered in the net
    3. The bad are thrown away and the good are gathered into a container
    4. This is how it will be in the end
12. **Jesus questions the disciples understanding (verses 51-52)**
    1. If they understand they have a responsibility to teach others
    2. Compared to a homeowner who brings out of his pantry both things, new and old
13. **Jesus rejected in his own country (verses 53-58)**
    1. Jesus taught but was rejected
    2. The people in His home country did not understand where His wisdom and power came from
       1. They knew He was the carpenter’s son
       2. He grew up amongst them in humble origins
       3. They were offended and did not believe