

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

... of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,  
... the son of Abraham,  
... Abraham was born Isaac; and to  
... Isaac and to Jacob, Judah and his  
... sons; and Judah were born Perez and Ze-  
... lophon; and to Perez was born Hez-  
... rai; and to Hezrai was born Amminadab;  
... and to Amminadab was born Nahshon;  
... and to Nahshon was born Salmon;  
... and to Salomon was born Boaz by Ra-  
... hul; and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth;  
... and to Obed was born David the king;  
... and to David was born Solomon by her  
... who was the wife of Uriah;  
... and to Solomon was born Rehoboam;  
... and to Rehoboam was born Abiath;  
... and to Abiath was born Asaph;  
... and to Asaph was born Isiah;  
... and to Isiah was born Amos;  
... and to Amos was born Uziah;  
... and to Uziah was born Zachariah;  
... and to Zachariah was born John the  
... Baptist; and to John the Baptist was  
... born Jesus.

... that which has been conceived in her is of  
... the Holy Spirit.  
21 "And she will bear a Son; and you shall  
... call His name Jesus, for it is He who will  
... save His people from their sins. [He who will  
... spoken by the Lord through that what was  
... might be fulfilled, saying:  
22 "Behold, the virgin shall  
... conceive, and shall bear a Son; and you  
... shall call His name Emmanuel, which  
... translated means, 'God with us,' or 'God  
... with us.' And among you were men who  
... did as the spirit of the Lord commanded them,  
... and were not as he with whom they were  
... born; and he was born of a woman, and he  
... was called the Son of Man."

REDISCOVERING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW  
PART 25: MATTHEW 13:24-30; 36-43; 47-52

## QUICK REVIEW

- LAST WEEK:                    STARTED MATTHEW 13  
WHY JESUS TAUGHT IN PARABLES  
PARABLE OF THE SOWER
- TONIGHT:                      PARABLE OF THE WEEDS  
PARABLE OF THE NET
- NEXT WEEK:                  MORE PARABLES, FINISH CHAPTER 13
- JULY 5:                        CHAPTER 14
- JULY 12:                      PARTY AT JOHN & LINA'S HOUSE
- JULY 19:                      CHAPTER 15

## LAST WEEK: PARABLE OF THE SOWER

SOWER: JESUS, OR SECONDARILY, THOSE WHO SOW THE WORD

SEED: THE WORD

SOILS: ROAD

ROCKY SOIL

AMONG THE THORNS

GOOD SOIL

SAME SEED, DIFFERENT SOILS

## MATTHEW CHAPTER 13: 24-30

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"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?'

" 'AN ENEMY DID THIS,' HE REPLIED.

"THE SERVANTS ASKED HIM, 'DO YOU WANT US TO GO AND PULL THEM UP?'

" 'NO,' HE ANSWERED, 'BECAUSE WHILE YOU ARE PULLING THE WEEDS, YOU MAY ROOT UP THE WHEAT WITH THEM. 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 WEEDS ARE THE SONS OF THE EVIL ONE,  
AND THE ENEMY WHO SOWS THEM IS THE DEVIL.  
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AND THE HARVESTERS ARE ANGELS.

"AS THE WEEDS ARE PULLED UP AND BURNED IN THE FIRE,  
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“FIRST OF ALL, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE LAST DAYS SCOFFERS WILL COME, SCOFFING AND FOLLOWING THEIR OWN EVIL DESIRES. THEY WILL SAY, “WHERE IS THIS ‘COMING’ HE PROMISED? EVER SINCE OUR FATHERS DIED, EVERYTHING GOES ON AS IT HAS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF CREATION.” . . .

“BUT DO NOT FORGET THIS ONE THING, DEAR FRIENDS: WITH THE LORD A DAY IS LIKE A THOUSAND YEARS, AND A THOUSAND YEARS ARE LIKE A DAY. THE LORD IS NOT SLOW IN KEEPING HIS PROMISE, AS SOME UNDERSTAND SLOWNESS. HE IS PATIENT WITH YOU, NOT WANTING ANYONE TO PERISH, BUT EVERYONE TO COME TO REPENTANCE. . . . BEAR IN MIND THAT OUR LORD’S PATIENCE MEANS SALVATION, JUST AS OUR DEAR BROTHER PAUL ALSO WROTE YOU WITH THE WISDOM THAT GOD GAVE HIM.” (2 PETER 3:3-4; 8-9; 15)

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F. D. BRUNER:

"HELL IS NOT A DOCTRINE USED TO FRIGHTEEN UNBELIEVERS; IT IS A DOCTRINE USED TO WARN THOSE WHO THINK THEMSELVES BELIEVERS."



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