

The Life of Christ

The Parables of Jesus Christ (Only in Matthew)

Matthew 13:33 The Parable of the Leaven – In line with last week, but reasonably referring to false doctrines rather than to false teachers (*Couch*). Consider, there's no mention of judgment, but especially, Christ's own following remark in Matthew 16:6 (5-12), and Paul in Galatians 5:9 (1-10).

Matthew 13:44 The Parable of the Hidden Treasure – The redemption of mankind – we are the treasure, the world is the field, all is Jesus Christ on the cross!

Matthew 13:45-46 The Pearl of Great Price – a reflection of vs. 44.
Discuss biblical period value of pearls

Matthew 13:47-50 The Dragnet – a reflection of the parable of the tares.
Note the identification with fisherman vs. farmers

Matthew 13:51-52 For the believing scribes – The scribes had to work to put the OT together with what Jesus was teaching, old prophecies and new prophecies (Matthew 13:11.), both for their own understanding, and in their role as teachers!