

Surprise in the Gospel of  
Matthew

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Parable of Soil –  
Kingdom of Heaven is like...  
Good soil/bad soil

Surprise: only ¼ good  
But phenomenal results

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Parable of Weeds  
Kingdom of Heaven is like...  
Good sower/bad sower

Wheat & weeds grow together for now

There will be a time of separation and  
judgment

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Parable of Net  
Kingdom of Heaven is like...  
Good fish/bad fish

Together for now

There will be a time of separation &  
judgment

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Parable of Mustard Seed  
Kingdom of Heaven is like...  
Mustard seed

Surprise: very small start but large  
result

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Parable of yeast –  
Kingdom of Heaven is like...  
Yeast

Surprise: something imperceptible  
that infiltrates the whole

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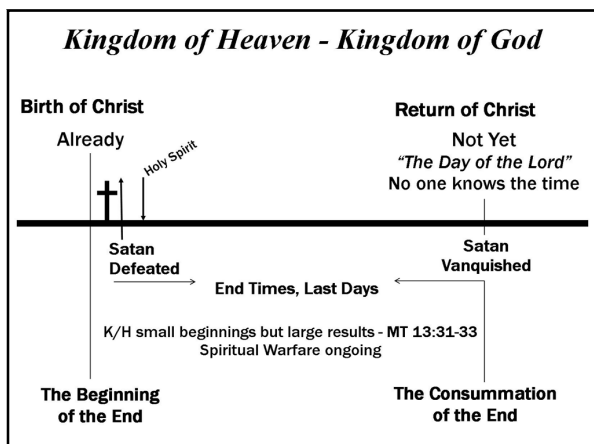
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Mt 21:45-46 – Chief priests & Pharisees - a way to arrest Jesus

Mt 22:15 – Pharisees went out & laid plans to trap him in his words

Mt 22:34 – Pharisees & Sadducees – experts in the law – tested Jesus

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Mt 26:3 – Chief priests & elders... plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way & kill him

Mt 26:47 – While Jesus was speaking... sent from the chief priests & the elders

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Mt 26:59-60 – the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus...But they didn't find any...

Mt 27:1-2 – Early in the morning, all the chief priests & elders came to the decision to put Jesus to death. They bound him, led him away & handed him over....

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Mt 27:20 – The chief priests & elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabas to be released & to have Jesus executed.

Mt 27:41-42 – The chief priests & the teachers of the law & elders mocked him. "He saved others, but he can't save himself."

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Mt 27:62-66 – The next day, the one after preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate...

Mt 28:12-13 – When the chief priests had met with the elders & devised a plan... large sum of money... "You are to say, 'His disciples...stole him away..."

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Matthew 24 – The Return of Christ

Mt. 24:36 - “No one knows that day or hour...”

Mt 24:42 – Therefore keep watch ....

Mt 24:44 – “So you also must be ready...”

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Mt 25 – The Parable of the 10 Virgins

Mt. 25:1 - “At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like...”

Mt 25:5 – “The bridegroom was away a long time...”

Mt 25:13 – “Therefore keep watch...”

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Mt 25 – The Parable of the Talents

Mt. 25:19 – “After a long time....”

Mt 25:21 – “Well done...”

Mt 25:23 – “Well done...”

Mt 25:26 – “you wicked, lazy servant”

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God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.  
2 Corinthians 5:21

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Lord Jesus Christ, when I am honest,  
I admit I'm weaker and more sinful than I would like to believe.  
Through You I am more loved and accepted than I dared hope.  
I thank You for dying on the cross for me and paying the debt and bearing the punishment my sins deserved.  
I turn from my sin and ask You to be my *Savior*.  
I submit to Your eternal wisdom expressed in the Bible and trust You to be my *Lord*.  
In Jesus Name I pray.

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