

Parable of Good Fish and the Bad Fish

What is a Parable?

- Story Telling Device
- Derived from Greek Word ("to lay beside" or "to place alongside")

Matthew 13:10-11,14-15

¹⁰ And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

¹¹ He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

¹⁴ And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,
And seeing you will see and not perceive;

¹⁵ For the hearts of this people have grown dull.

Their ears are hard of hearing,
And their eyes they have closed,
Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears,
Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn,
So that I [should heal them.]’

1 Corinthians 1:20-25

²⁰ Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Mathew 12:39, 16:4

12:39 But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

16:4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.” And He left them and departed.

1 Corinthians 1:24, Colossian 2:3

1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

2:3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Matthew 13:47-51

- 47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind,
- 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.
- 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,
- 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”
- 51 Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

Fishing line and Hook

- Patience and Skill
- **Matthew 17:27** - Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.”

Casting Net

- Coordination and Expertise
- **Matthew 4:19** - Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Dragnet (seine)

- Half a mile long
- Target Fish that inhabited deeper waters
- Covered Larger Territories

Matthew 13:49-50

- 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,
- 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

Luke 16:24

“Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’

Matthew 8:12, 24:51, 25:30

8:12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth.**”

24:51 and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be **weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

25:30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth.’**

Matthew 13:51

⁵¹ Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

Matthew 9:37-38

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few.

³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

2 Corinthians 5:10 - 11

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;