

C. Parables of the kingdom (13)

1) Sower and the seed (1-24) – responses to Christ’s message

a) The story (1-9)

*1<sup>st</sup> excursus: Purpose of parables (10-17)*

*Nicodemus: Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” (John 3:1–2)*

*“Because they did not have the love of truth, they were denied the light of truth.”  
Quoted in MacDonald (71)*

b) Story explained (18-24)

2) Tares among the wheat

a) The story (24-30) Kingdom growth and infiltration

b) Story explained (36-43)

3) Mustard seed (31-32)

4) Leaven (33)

*2nd excursus on parables (33-35)*

5) Hidden treasures (44)

6) Costly Pearl (45-46)

7) Dragnet (47-51)

*Third excursus (51-52)*

Example of tares (rejection) (53-58)

D. Death of John the Baptist (14:1-12)

E. Grace, healing and more conflict (14:13-16:12)

1) Jesus “withdraws” (14:13).

2) Feeding 5000+ (14:15-.21)

3) Walking on water (14:22-33)

4) More healing (34-36)