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The Parables Of Matthew 13 - Handout

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1. Unique Parables in Matthew (here discussing 1-5)

M1	Mt 13:24–30	Weeds (137)	M5	Mt 13:51–52	Householder (32)
M1e	Mt 13:36–43	Weeds Explained (152)	M6	Mt 18:23–35	Unforgiving Servant (213)
M2	Mt 13:44–44	Hidden Treasure (31)	M7	Mt 20:1–16	Laborers in Vineyard (242)
M3	Mt 13:45–46	Pearl (25)	M8	Mt 21:28–32	Two Sons (106)
M4	Mt 13:47–50	Fishnet (71)	M9	Mt 25:1–13	Ten Virgins (171)

2. Matthew's Hidden Treasure: A Variation (2x) of Mark's Rich Man (Matthew: "young", Luke: "ruler")

Mark 10:21 Rich (Young Ruler)	Matt 13:44 (Hidden Treasure)	Matt 19:21 Rich Young (Ruler)
ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἐμβλέψας αὐτῷ ἠγάπησεν αὐτὸν καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ, ἐν σε ὑστερεῖ: Ὑπαγε, ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ δὸς [τοῖς] πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι.	ὁμοία ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν θησαυρῷ κεκρυμμένῳ ἐν τῷ ἀγρῷ, ὃν εὐρών ἄνθρωπος ἔκρυψεν, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς χαρᾶς αὐτοῦ ὑπάγει καὶ πωλεῖ πάντα ὅσα ἔχει καὶ ἀγοράζει τὸν ἀγρὸν ἐκεῖνον.	ἔφη αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς, εἰ θέλεις τέλειος εἶναι, Ὑπαγε πώλησον σου τὰ ὑπάρχοντα καὶ δὸς [τοῖς] πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανοῖς, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι.
	see ἐνέκρυψεν in 3a. below	

3a. Matthew's Parable of the Leaven: Genesis 18:6 + Proverb: "A little leaven ..."

MT Gen 18:6	תלת עשר	אִמָּה	שְׁלֹשׁ	עשר	(Sarah, a woman)
LXX Gen 18:6	τρία	μέτρα	σεμιδάλεως	(ποίησον) ἐγκρυφίας	(Sarah, a woman)
Matt 13:33	ἀλεύρου	σάτα	τρία	ἐνέκρυψεν	γυνή

1Co 5:6, Ga 5:9 - μικρὰ ζύμη ὅλον τὸ φύραμα ζυμοῖ => Mt 13:33 - ἐζυμώθη ὅλον

3b. Additional allusions to Genesis 18-21 in Matthew 11:

Gen 18-21 bracketed by promise/birth of "son"	Mt 1:1 and 21:28-32 (Galatians 4:21 – "two sons")
Sodom & Gomorrah in Gen 18-20	Mt 10:15 and 11:23-24 "better for Sodomites"
YHWH's internal debate in Gen 18:17-19 "shall I hide ... from my child ... I have known ... his sons"	Mt 11:25-27 "you have hidden ... revealed to babes ... no one knows ... father/son"
Abraham at or under "tree" in Gen 18:1-8 (3x)	Mt 13:32 Lk 13:8 mustard seed grows into "tree"

3c. Matthew's allusions to Genesis 18 and other precedent texts in his Weeds Parable

Gen 18:25 the Judge of all the earth may not destroy the righteous with the wicked	Mt 13:29-30 Son of Man will not uproot the righteous with the wicked but separate them at harvest
Gen 19:2f YHWH sent angels to save Lot & family and destroy the wicked in fire	Mt 13:39,41 Son of Man sends angels to save righteous and destroy the wicked in fire
Daniel 12:3 righteous will "shine" (ἐκλάμψουσιν)	Mt 13:43 righteous will "shine" (ἐκλάμψουσιν, hapax)
JB (Mt 3:12 Lk 3:17) Coming-One gathers wheat into barn and burns chaff with fire	Mt 13:30 Son of Man sends angels to gather wicked for burning and the wheat into his barn

4. Structural Parallels of Sower and Weeds

Mk Parable of Sower (302)	Mt Parable of Sower (381)	Mt Parable of Weeds (396)
Parable: Mk 4:3-9 (105)	Parable: Mt 13:3-9 (98)	Parable: Mt 13:24-30 (137)
Transition: Mk 4:10-12 (52)	Transition: Mt 13:10-17 (155)	Transition: Mt 13:31-35 (107)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why Parables? OT Quote near End 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why Parables? OT Quote at End 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mustard Seed / Leaven Why Parables + OT Quote
Explanation: Mk 4:13-20 (145)	Explanation: Mt 13:18-23 (128)	Explanation: Mt 13:36-43 (152)

5. Gundry: Verbal precedents in Matthew's **Weeds** from **Sower** parables and Mark's **Seed** (p.252)

From Mark's Seed: οὗτος, ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ, ὅς, ἄνθρωπος, βάλη τὸν σπόρον ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, καθεύδῃ, βλαστᾷ, καρποφορεῖ, χόρτον, ὁ καρπός, ἀποστέλλει, and ὁ θερισμός.

From the Sower parables: ἄλλην for "parable" rather than for "seed", καλὸν for "seed" rather than for "soil", σπέρμα cognate with σπεῖρω, καρπὸν ἐποίησεν from ἐδίδου καρπὸν and καρποφορεῖ, ὁ σπεῖρων, and τοῦ πονηροῦ.

Gundry Missed This: "SEED" is NOT in either Sower, ONLY in Mark's Seed ... and in Matthew's Weeds!

6. BIRD Test of Matthew 13 with Mark 4

MkS	Mk 4:3-9	Parable of Sower (Mark)	MtSe	Mt 13:18-23	Sower Explained
MkSt	Mk 4:10-12	Sower Transition (Mark)	M1	Mt 13:24-30	Parable of Weeds
MkSe	Mk 4:13-20	Sower Explained (Mark)	M1t	Mt 13:31-35	Weeds Transition
MtS	Mt 13:3-9	Parable of Sower	M1e	Mt 13:36-43	Weeds Explained
MtSt	Mt 13:10-17	Sower Transition	M2-5	Mt 13:44-52	Postscript of 4 Parables

Text	MkS	MkSt	MkSe	MtS	MtSt	MtSe	M1	M1t	M1e	M2-5
MkS		0.62	0.35	0.44	0.59	0.59	0.87	0.61	0.85	0.62
MkSt	0.62		0.64	0.53	0.76	0.57	0.64	0.56	0.64	0.64
MkSe	0.35	0.64		0.58	0.79	0.39	0.63	0.52	0.56	0.41
MtS	0.44	0.53	0.58		0.65	0.32	0.69	0.56	0.73	0.72
MtSt	0.59	0.76	0.79	0.65		0.78	1.02	0.83	0.97	0.96
MtSe	0.59	0.57	0.39	0.32	0.78		0.48	0.49	0.42	0.45
M1	0.87	0.64	0.63	0.69	1.02	0.48		0.40	0.26	0.49
M1t	0.61	0.56	0.52	0.56	0.83	0.49	0.40		0.48	0.44
M1e	0.85	0.64	0.56	0.73	0.97	0.42	0.26	0.48		0.37
M2-5	0.62	0.64	0.41	0.72	0.96	0.45	0.49	0.44	0.37	

7. Summary of Literary Influence upon Parables of Matthew 13

MtS	13:3-9	Parable of Sower	<= Mk 4:3-9 Parable of Sower
MtSt	13:10-17	Transition: Why Parables	<= Mk 4:10-12 Transition: Why Parables
MtSe	13:18-23	Explanation of Sower	<= Mk 4:13-20 Explanation of Sower
MtW	13:24-30	Parable of Weeds	<= Mk 4:26-29 Parable of Seed <= Mk 4:3-9 Mt 13:3-9 Parable of Sower
MtWt	13:31-35	Transition:	<= Form emulates Mk Mt Sower Transition
		Parable of Mustard Seed	<= Mk 4:30-32 + Gen 18:1-8 "trees" => Lk 13:18-19
		Parable of Leaven	<= Gen 18:6(MT and LXX); Gal 5:9 1Co 5:6 => Luke 13:20
		Why: To Fulfill OT	<= Mk 4:12 Mt 13:14-15 Why: To Fulfill OT
MtWe	13:36-43	Explanation of Weeds	<= Mk 4:13-20 Mt 13:18-23 Explanation of Sower <= Mk 4:26-29 Seed <= Gen 18-19, Dan 12:3, Mt 3:12 Lk 3:17
MtMsc	13:44-52	Treasure Pearl Fishnet Householder	<= Mk 10:21 Rich (young ruler) <= Mk 10:21 With Treasure = doubling of Mark <= Mt 13:24-30, 36-43 Doubling of Weeds = Self Portrait of author synthesizing "old" and "new"