

The Parable of the Net

Matthew 13:47-52

1. Relate the story of the net in 25 words or less.
2. To what does Jesus liken the kingdom of heaven in this parable?
3. What kind of net is under consideration?
4. How is such a net used?
5. What would be drawn into the net?
6. What happens when the net is drawn upon the beach?
7. What would “the good” be and what happens to them?

8. What would “the bad” be and what happens to them?

9. In the parable, what does the sea represent?

10. What is represented by the net?

11. What do the enclosed fish of “every kind” represent?

12. Who would be represented by the good fish?

13. Who are the bad fish?

14. What is suggested by the fact that both good and bad are in the net?

15. What is shown by the net's being filled?

16. What does the beach represent?

17. What lesson is taught by the sorting of the fish?

18. Who does the sorting or separating?

19. What does the casting away of the bad teach?

20. What is taught by the gathering into vessels of the good?

21. What do the vessels represent?

22. Can any conclusion be drawn from the fact that no fish were taken into the vessels that had not been in the net?

23. Will all who are taken into the net be delivered into vessels?

24. Does this teach that some who are in the church will be cast away at the time of separation?