

# The Parables Of Jesus

## Lesson 6

### The Parable Of The Dragnet (Mt. 13:47-50)

*Where & When:* Same as *The Parable Of The Sower* [see page 7]

- Only **Matthew** records this parable

*Occasion Producing The Parable:*

- Same as *The Parable Of The Sower* [see page 7]
- Spoken privately to the disciples, not openly to the multitudes (v. 36)

*Questions:*

- 1) How is the kingdom described in **vv. 47-48a**? Would you say the fish, etc. ensnared by fishermen would represent men inside or outside the kingdom?
- 2) Be able to describe a "dragnet" and explain how it worked.
- 3) What happens with what the dragnet captured? (v. 48b)
- 4) What explanation does Jesus give in **vv. 49-50**?
- 5) Thought question: what is the "hopeful ideal" taught in the previous 2 parables re: those who would come to the kingdom? (vv. 44-46)
- 6) Has this always been the reality among Christians as well as local churches in N.T. days? Can you cite any Biblical examples as proof? Has anything changed re: today?

