

Sermon Outline • September 27, 2009

Jesus Our Teacher • "The Parable of the Weeds"

Matthew 13:24-30

Introduction: Those pesky weeds!

The Kingdom of God is like... a mixture of good and evil!?!?

24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

28 "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

29 "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

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4. _____?

Answers to Sermon Outline: Only Jesus can truly tell weeds from wheat. Only Jesus can change weeds to wheat. God's kingdom WILL grow, despite the evidence. Do you see yourself as wheat or weeds?