



“Nature Metaphors in Jesus’ Parables”



Vincent van Gogh, “Wheatfield” c. 1888

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

(Matt. 13:24).

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Example for question #9: *Question: “Could what was happening with Jesus and his disciples really be the establishment of the Kingdom? It’s so modest a start! Answer: The Mustard Seed.*

1. Sower and Seed – question:

2. Tares and Wheat – question:

3. Mustard Seed – question:

4. The Leaven- question:

5. Laborers in the Vineyard – question:

For further reading on The Parables, you might enjoy:

- William Barclay, “The Parables”. (A Scottish Presbyterian minister committed to making the Bible accessible to all, his *Daily Bible Series* is basic and insightful.)
- Gary Inrig, “The Parables: Understanding what Jesus Meant”; Discovery House, Grand Rapids, MI. 1991.
- Richard Lischer, “Reading the Parables”; from “Interpretation” series, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY. 2014.