

The Gospel of Matthew

Infiltration of the body of Christ (v. 24-30, 36-43)

The symbol

- The Man = Son of Man (v. 24, 37)
- The Field = The World (v. 24, 38)
- The Good Seed = Believers (v. 24, 38)
- The Tares = Unbelievers (v. 25, 38)
- The Enemy = Satan (v. 25, 39)
- The Harvest = Return of Christ (v. 30, 39)
- The Reapers = Angels (v. 30, 39)

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The subversion (v. 25)

- **Comes at night**
- **He sows tares**
- **He goes away**

The situation (v. 26-28)

The solution (v. 29-30, 40-43)

- **Allow both to grow (v. 29-30a)**
- **Wait for the harvest (v. 30b)**
- **Burn the darnel (v. 30c, 40-43)**

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Intermingling with the body of Christ (v. 31-35)

The spread of the kingdom of God

- Mustard Seed (v. 31-32)

The intermingling of the kingdom of Satan

- Leaven (v. 33)