

Parable of the Sower

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Good to see you all this morning. As spring has officially sprung, we're going to be looking at one of Jesus' most well-known parables: the parable of the sower.

In this passage, Christ speaks about the Word of God as seed, and the human heart as soil. The seed is consistent, but the soil determines the result. This parable appears in Matthew, Mark and Luke, but today we'll be reading it in Mark 4:3-8.

Let's open our Bibles and turn to Mark chapter four.

Jesus said:

³ "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."

Some seed falls along the path and is quickly taken away. Some falls on rocky ground where it springs up quickly but has no root. Other seed falls among thorns and is choked by competing concerns. But some seed falls on good soil and takes root, and that is where fruit is produced.

Jesus is not questioning the quality of the seed. The Word of God is living and active. The question is always about the condition of the heart that receives it.

So, the question for us this Sunday morning is not whether the seed is good; the Word is always good. The question is: what kind of soil are we? Are we receptive, rooted and ready to bear fruit? May the Lord prepare our hearts to receive His Word faithfully. Let's pray together.

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