

The Parable of the Sower *from* Mark 4

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Mark only recorded four of Christ's parables and three of them were drawn from the agricultural environment of the day: The Parable of the Sower, The Parable of Growth, and the Parable of the Mustard Seed. The fourth one is the Parable of the Candle and all four are recorded in Mark 4. All four focus on what we do with God's Holy Word.

1. The Setting
2. The Story (Mark 4:3-9)
 - a. Three Bad Soils
 - b. One Good Soil
3. The Significance
 - a. Three Bad Soils
 - i. Some fell by the Wayside (4)
 - ii. Some fell among Stony Ground (5-6)
 - iii. Some fell among Thorns (7)
 - b. One Good Soil (8-9)
4. The Secret (4:10-12) – The mystery of the Kingdom of God