

# JESUS

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# **The Parable of the Sower**

**The insider is the one who  
perseveres in listening to the  
LORD.**

# The Parable of the Sower

Mark 4:1



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**<sup>1</sup>Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.**

**<sup>2</sup>And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them:**

**<sup>3</sup>“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. ...**

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**<sup>6</sup>And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup>And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” <sup>9</sup>And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”**

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“they may indeed see but not perceive,  
and may indeed hear but not understand,  
lest they should turn and be forgiven.””**

**Simon Peter replied, “you are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”**

**Matthew 16:16-17**



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**13**And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? **14**The sower sows the word. **15**And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. **16**And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. ...

**<sup>17</sup>And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup>And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, <sup>19</sup>but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>20</sup>But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”**

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**During this time of reflection:**

**Am I listening?**



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