

A stylized illustration of a green plant with large, pointed leaves and a central stem, growing out of a brown, textured ground. The plant's roots are visible, spreading across the ground. The background features rolling hills in shades of green and brown, a blue sky with a large, pale orange sun or moon, and several small black birds in flight. The text "KINGDOM COME" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

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COME**

Plain Spoken Theology:

Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5-7

Message of Jesus:

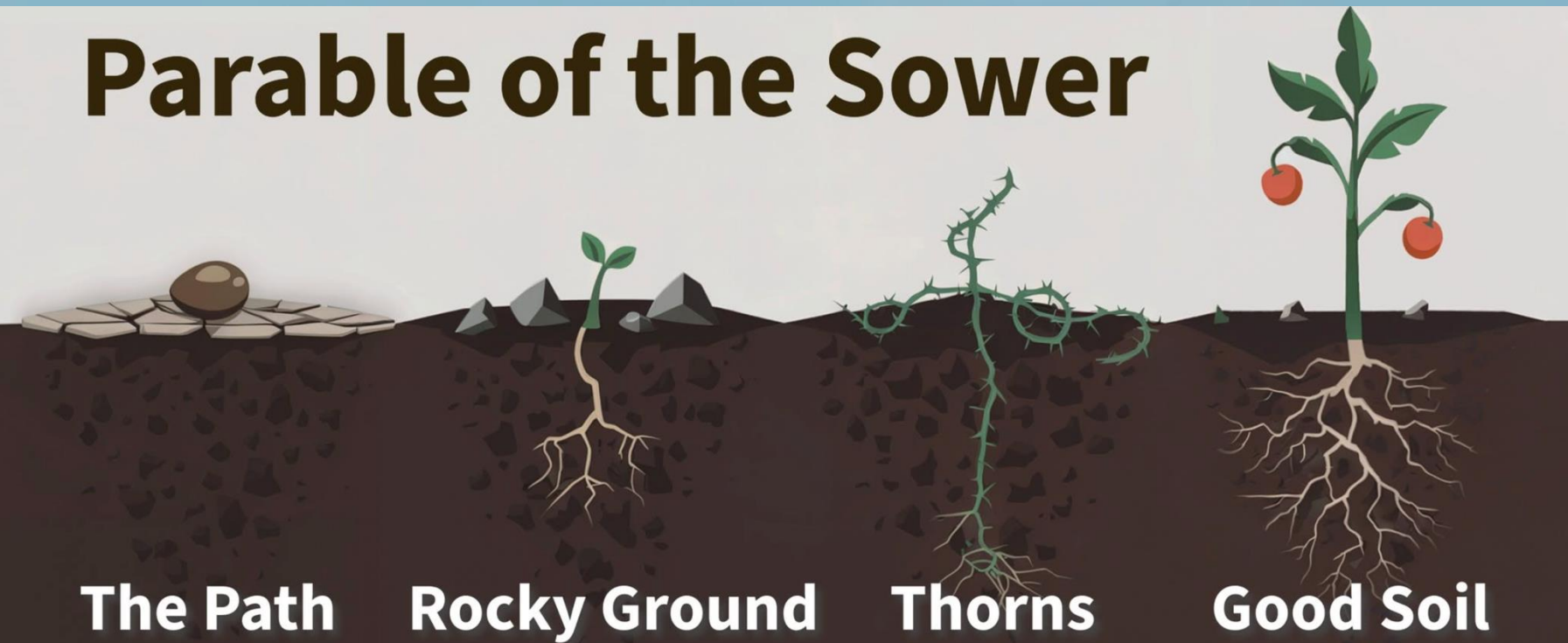
Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, & saying, “The time is fulfilled, & the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel.” - Mark 1:14-15

Matthew 12:

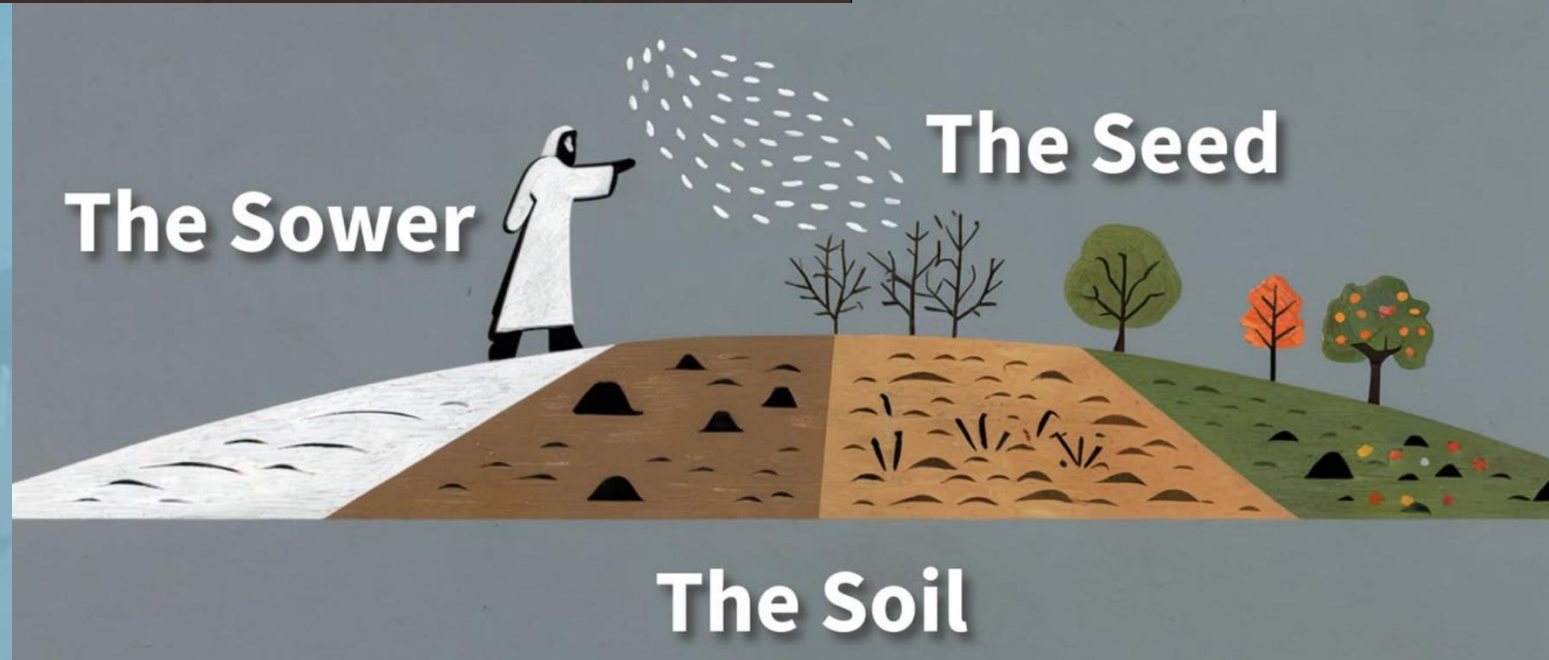
- 1) Lord of the Sabbath
- 2) Beelzebub (Chief Demon)
- 3) Tree: known by it's fruit
- 4) Sign of Jonah - Pharisees
- 5) Mother and Siblings

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then He told them many things in *parables*, saying: “The farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.” Matthew 13:1-9

Parable of the Sower



Parable -
Parabolē (παραβολή)
“Casting Beside”
Told “Alongside” the
main message



10 Then the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” **11** And He answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. **12** For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. **13** This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

Matthew 13:10-13

14 Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: 'You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive. **15** For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.' **16** But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. **17** For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Matthew 13:14-17

Reveal & Conceal

- Not to Make Clear... To Produce Fruit

And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?” - Mark 4:13

-Without understanding this parable – we will NOT understand the others!

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” – Isaiah 6:8

- Isaiah’s Mission was to preach to people who had ears but would NOT listen, and had eyes but would NOT see!

18 “Hear then the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom & does not understand it, the evil one comes & snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word & immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, & when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world & the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, & it proves unfruitful. 23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word & understands it. He indeed bears fruit & yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, & in another thirty.”

Matthew 13:18-23

Jesus Explains Plainly the Parable

Sower: Jesus Seed: The Gospel of the Kingdom

1. The Path (Hard Soil)

- A **closed or resistant heart**—no reception, no growth.

2. Rocky Ground (Shallow Soil)

- A **shallow faith**—initial excitement without endurance.

3. Among Thorns (Crowded Soil)

- A **divided heart**—growth is suffocated by competing priorities.

4. Good Soil (Fertile Soil)

- A **receptive & obedient heart**—producing lasting spiritual fruit.

“LUKEWARM PEOPLE do not live by faith; their lives are structured so they never have to. They don’t have to trust God if something unexpected happens—they have their savings account. They don’t need God to help them—they have their retirement plan in place. They don’t genuinely seek out what life God would have them live—they have life figured and mapped out. They don’t depend on God on a daily basis—their refrigerators are full and, for the most part, they are in good health. The truth is, their lives wouldn’t look much different if they suddenly stopped believing in God.”

- Francis Chan “*Crazy Love*”

Jesus described four kinds of soil....

"Which one am I?"

But also ask...

***"What kind of soil am I
becoming?"***

