

Sunday, July 12th, 2026
Sermon Series: “Parables.”
“A Heart Condition.” *Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23.*
(Pentecost)

Jesus the Teacher...His *Parables*

*Matthew 13.1-3 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in **parables**, saying: “A sower went out to sow...”*

παρὰβολή (*parabolē*): Lit., “To throw alongside.”

“The Parable of the Sower” (*vs.4-9*)

The Seed, the Sower, the Soils: The Kingdom of God...The Mission of Jesus...The Heart

Matthew 13.18-19a “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom...

The Condition of the “Soils” (Heart)

*Matthew 13.19b: The Path: **Resistant**.
... and does not **understand** it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart...*

συνιέναι (*syniēnai*): “To bring together”

*Matthew 13.20-21: The Rocky Ground: **Shallow**
...this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he **falls away**...*

σκανδαλίζομαι (*skandalizomai*): “To take offense” “To cease believing”

*Matthew 13.22: The Thorns: **Divided**
...this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful...*

*Matthew 13.23: The Good Soil: **Receptive**
...this is the one who hears the word and **understands** it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”*

“Heart and Soil” Jesus’ Work in My “Soil” (Heart)

*John 15.1, 5 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the **vinedresser**...⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever **abides** in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

γεωργός (*geōrgos*): “A (tenant) Farmer” μένω (*menō*): “To remain in place” “Be connected”