

**“The Sower, the Seed and the Soils”**  
January 25, 2026 Pastor Todd McAllister  
Mark 4:1-20

Setting: He went home and the crowd gathered again...

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He called them (including scribes who came down from Jerusalem) to Him and said to them in parables... *3:22-23*

To a very large crowd He was teaching many things in parables... *Mark 4:1-2*

Listen! Behold a sower went out to sow.  
Some seed fell along the path.  
Result: snatched away

Other seed fell on rocky ground.  
Result: withered away

Other seed fell among thorns.  
Result: choked

Other seeds fell into good soil.  
Result: produced grain *Mark 4:3-9*

When He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parables. And He said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God...” *Mark 4:10-11*

Secret/Mystery

God’s plan of providing salvation for men through Christ, which was once \_\_\_\_\_ but now is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Thayer*

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**“The Sower, the Seed and the Soils” (continued)**

Main Focus: \_\_\_\_\_ to the Word of God

**First response:** Some seed fell along the \_\_\_\_\_.

Result: \_\_\_\_\_ away

Birds represent the will of \_\_\_\_\_. *Mark 4:15*

**Second response:** Other seed fell on \_\_\_\_\_ ground.

Result: \_\_\_\_\_ away

Rocky soil represents the will of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Tribulation, persecution on account of the word. *4:16-17*

**Third response:** Other seed fell among \_\_\_\_\_.

Result: \_\_\_\_\_

Thorns represent the will of the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ of the world

Deceitfulness of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for other things *4:18-19*

**Fourth response:** Other seeds fell into \_\_\_\_\_ soil.

Result: \_\_\_\_\_ grain

Good soil represents the will of \_\_\_\_\_.

Bear fruit 30x, 60x, 100x *Mark 4:20*

When you hear the word of God what responses have you experienced?

How have your responses impacted your life?

Which non-fruit bearing response is the biggest temptation for you?

How does the knowledge of the various soils impact your understanding of sharing the Word of God with other people?

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Main Focus: **Responses** to the Word of God

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**Second response:** Other seed fell on **rocky** ground.

Result: **withered** away

Rocky soil represents the will of the **world**.

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**Third response:** Other seed fell among **thorns**.

Result: **choked**

Thorns represent the will of the **flesh**.

**Cares** of the world

Deceitfulness of **riches**

**Desires** for other things *4:18-19*

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Result: **produced** grain

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