

“The Sower & the Soil -
‘Athens, I Observe That You...’”

Pastor Greg Webster



“‘Nothing Without a Parable’ - Hearing Jesus’ Outside Voice,” pt 1

Acts 17:34 But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.



Acts 17:22 ¶ Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way."



Mark 4:1 ¶ Again he began to teach beside the sea.

Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.

Mark 4:2 He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them:



Matt. 13:34 ¶ Jesus told the crowds
all these things in parables; without
a parable he told them nothing.



Mark 4:10 ¶ When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables.

Mark 4:11 And he said to them, “To you has been given the secret^a of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables;



Mark 4:3 "Listen! A sower went out to sow.

Mark 4:4 And as he sowed, some seed fell

on the path, and the birds came and ate it

up.



Mark 4:5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil.

Mark 4:6 And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away.



Mark 4:7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain.

Mark 4:8 Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”



Mark 4:9 And he said, "Let
anyone with ears to hear
listen!"



Mark 4:14 The sower sows the
word.



Mark 4:15 These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.



Mark 4:16 And these are the ones
sown on rocky ground: when they
hear the word, they immediately
receive it with joy.



Mark 4:17 But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.



Mark 4:20 And these are the ones
sown on the good soil: they hear the
word and accept it and bear fruit,
thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”



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