

A FARMER PLANTS SEED

Mark 4:1-20

1 Again, Jesus taught the people by the Sea of Galilee. 2 Jesus told the people stories – and the stories had a spiritual meaning. 3 Jesus said, “Listen! –

“A farmer planted [wheat] seed – 4 he threw the seed on the ground. [Then, what happened to the seed?]

“[First,] some seed fell beside the road. And the birds came – and the birds ate the seed.

5 “[Second,] some seed fell on rocky ground. There was only a little soil on the rocky ground. So the seed grew quickly – because the soil was shallow. 6 But then the sun came up. The sun dried the plants – because the plants had no roots.

7 “[Third,] some seed fell in the thorns. The [wheat] plants grew. The thorns grew, too – and the thorns choked the [wheat] plants. So the plants did not make grain.

8 “[Fourth,] some seed fell on good soil. The [wheat] plants came up – and the plants grew big. And the plants made grain. Some seeds made 30 grains – some made 60 grains – and some 100 grains.”

9 Then Jesus said, “Do you have ears – and can you hear? Then listen! – and don’t stop listening.”

10 Later, Jesus’ disciples asked Jesus: What does this story mean? 13 Jesus said to the disciples, 14 “The farmer plants God’s Word.” [The seed is God’s Word. And people are the soil.]

15 “[First,] some people are like seed planted beside the road. These people hear God’s word. But Satan comes quickly and takes away God’s Word.

16 “[Second,] some people are like seed planted on rocky ground. These people hear God’s Word – and they receive God’s Word. At the beginning, they are very happy.

17 But these people have no root – so they continue for only a short time. Then, trouble and persecution come – the trouble and persecution come because they believe God’s Word. Then they quickly give up.

18 “[Third,] some people are like seed planted in thorns. They hear God’s Word. 19 But they worry about many things in life. And they want to get money – and they want all other things in life. So worries and money and other things choke God’s Word. And they make no grain.

20 “[Fourth,] some people are like seed planted on good soil. They hear God’s Word. They receive God’s Word. And they make grain – thirty times more, or sixty times more, or one hundred times more.”

CONTENT QUESTIONS**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What did Jesus tell the people? (verse 2)

What kind of stories did Jesus tell the people?

- What did Jesus tell the people to do? (verse 3)

Why is it important to listen?

- What did the farmer do? (verse 3)

- How did the farmer plant the seed? (verse 4)

[In Jesus' time, farmers scattered the seed on the ground.]

- Where did the first seed fall? (verse 4)

- What happened to this seed? (verse 4)

- Where did the second seed fall? (verse 5)

- What happened to this seed? (verses 5-6)

[Quiz: What do you think the seed is?]

- Where did the third seed fall? (verse 7)

[Quiz: What do you think the soil is?]

- What happened to this seed? (verse 7)

- Where did the fourth seed fall? (verse 8)

- What happened to this seed? (verse 8)

- What does Jesus say in verse 9?

What kind of ears is Jesus talking about? (Spiritual ears.)

Do you think this is important? Why?

- What is the seed? (verse 14) And what is the soil?

Which one changes? – is different?

Which one does not change? Which one is always the same?

- In the first kind of soil, what happens to the seed? (verse 15)

- In the second kind of soil, what happens to the seed? (verses 16-17)

- In the third kind of soil, what happens to the seed? (verses 18-19)

- In the fourth kind of soil, what happens to the seed? (verse 20)

What do the fourth kind of people do?

Which happens first: receiving God's Word or making grain?

What is the difference between soil #2 and soil #4?

What is the difference between soil #3 and soil #4?

What is the grain (in verse 20)? What do you think?

farmer	農家
plant (the seed was scattered by hand)	蒔く、植える（当時は、手で種を散らして蒔く）
seed 種	seed 種
again	また、もう一度
teach - taught - taught	教える
Sea of Galilee	ガリラヤ湖
tell - told - told	話をする・伝える・教える
story	話
spiritual	霊的な
meaning	意味
listen	(わざと) 聞く、聞き入れる、聞き従う、に聞く
wheat	小麦
throw - threw - thrown	投げる
ground	地面
then	そして、その場合、その時、そしたら、それなら
what	何、何と
happen	起こる
first	第一、一番目、最初、まず、初めに、最初の
some	ある分
fall - fell - fallen	落ちる
beside	側に、となりに
bird	鳥
second	第二、二番目
rocky	石だらけ
a little	少し、少ない
soil	土
grow - grew - grown	伸びる
quickly	急いで、早く、すぐに
because	～のため、～のせい、なぜなら

shallow	浅い、深くない
come up - came up - come up	上がる
dry	乾かす
plant [noun]	植物
root	根
third	第三、三番目
thorn	茨
too	も
choke	(首を) 絞める、塞ぐ
make - made - made	造る、作る、させる
grain	穀物
fourth	第四、4番目
good / better / best	良い・より良い・最も良い、正しい
ear	耳
can - could	できる
hear - heard - heard	聞く、聞こえる
stop	やめる、止まる、止まれ、止める
later	その後
disciple	弟子
ask	尋ねる
mean - meant - meant	意味する
(God's) Word	(神様の) ことば、聖書
like	のように、に似ている、に比較する
Satan	悪魔
take away - took away - taken away	取り除く、奪う
receive	受け入れる、受ける
beginning	初め、始まり
happy	嬉しい、喜ぶ、幸せだ
continue	続けて、続く、続ける
only	だけ、のみ、ただ、ひとりの、ただ一人の、ただ一つの、唯一の
short	短い

time	時間、間、時代、～回
trouble	困難
persecution	迫害
believe	信じる
give up - gave up - given up	諦める
worry	思い煩う、心配する
life (1 life / 2 lives)	命、人生
want	欲しい、欲しがる、望む、求める、やりたい
money	お金
all	すべて
other	他の、他
times (30 times)	倍 (一粒の30倍)
more	より、もっと
<hr/>	
kind	種類、タイプ、ような
why	なぜ、どうして
important	大切、重要な、大事な、重大、優れる、えらい (人)
scatter	散らす
quiz	クイズ
change	変わる、変える
different	違う
always	いつも
same	同じ
difference between (A and B)	(AとBの) 違い