

# The Parable of the Sower



**Did you know...**

In Jesus time, farmers prepared the soil for planting by digging up a whole field.

They walked through the field carrying a bag of seeds. He would take a hand full of seeds and throw them around the field. This was called *sowing the seed*.

Not all of the seeds fell in good soil, but many did, and these grew into strong plants.

Jesus told the apostles that the seeds in this story was “the word of God”.

He also said that our hearts were like the soil... some of us are ready to receive what Jesus has for us, and the seed grows well.

For some of us there may be problems that stop us from receiving what Jesus has for us.

*Light candle and read story first... directly from Bible.*

Matthew 13:3-8

3 And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.

4 And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up.

5 Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep,

6 and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots.

7 Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

8 But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

*Snuff candle.*

**Think about the story...**

What do you think the seed might be?

Who do you think the sower could be?

What do you think rich soil is?

What happens to the seed that falls in these places...

Rocky ground

Thorns

Places where birds can eat the seed

Rich soil

What kind of seeds do you think God might want to grow in our hearts?

What makes us “holy ground”?

How does the Holy Spirit come into our hearts,

What makes the Holy Spirit stay in our hearts?