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- A Parable Is: “A *Familiar Story That Speaks To People Where They Live And Gets Their Attention*”
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Reasons That Jesus Taught In Parables

• To Grab The Attention Of His Listeners

• To Help Them Remember Kingdom Principles

• To Reveal Spiritual Truth To Those Seeking It

• To Conceal Spiritual Truth From Those Opposed To His Message
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(Mark 4:2-20 NIV) He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: (3) "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. (4) As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. (5) Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. (6) But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. (7) Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. (8) Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times."
(Mark 4:14-20) The farmer sows the word. (15) Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. (16) Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. (17) But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. (18) Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; (19) but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. (20) Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."
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The Seed is The ‘Logos’ Word

• *It Represents Truth Found in Christ*

• ‘Logos’ is the Reason, Cause, and Mind of God on the Matter.

• *John 1:1,14 = Jesus is God’s ‘Logos’*

• *He Is The Wisdom, Power, and Truth*
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• The Seed Is Of Utmost Importance

• If There Is No Seed -- There Are No Crops
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The Priority Of The Seed

- \textit{God’s Word Is The Most Important Seed In Life}
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Nature Of The Seed Of The Logos Word:

• It Is Effective
• It Is True
• It Has Authority
• It Complete
• It Is Clear
• It Is Life Giving
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\begin{itemize}
\item The Point Of The Parable: \textit{The Condition Of The Soil Determines The Potential For Growth}
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– Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Commentary
Zone 1: The Seed On The Path – Birds Ate It

• Satan Steals The Seed Of Truth From People So That It Cannot Produce A Crop In Their Lives
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Zone 2: The Seed On Rocky Place

• The Rocky Soil Represents a Temporary Faith
• Get In & Get Out Quickly
• These Are Shallow & Temporary Believers
• They Have No Roots & They Fall Away
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Zone 3: \textit{The Seed Among Thorns}

- \textit{The Thorny Soil Represents Those That Are Sidetracked By The Things Of This World}

- \textit{Even If They Have A Desire To Grow Spiritually They Get Choked Out By Other Things}
Zone 4: Seed On Good Soil

- The Good Soil Represents Those That Hear The Word And Receive Jesus On His Terms
- The Evidence Of True Spiritual Life Is Fruit
- The Good Heart Hears, Understands And Produces The Fruitfulness Of Life In Christ.
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• If You Don’t Sow Any Seed
  You Won’t Get Any Return

• You Don’t Have To Be Good At Sowing Seed To
  Get A Crop.

• As A Christian You Plant The Seed – The Seed
  And The Soil Do The Rest
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• The Question Is... “Is Your Seed Still In The Barn?”

• Many People Do Not Immediately Receive The Gospel — We Sow Seed Anyway
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• To Expect A Crop -- We Must Get The Seed Out Of The Barn And Into The Fields

• God Has Never Asked Us To Save Anyone -- That’s His Job

• We Sow The Seed -- God Gives The Increase!