

Nurturing Seeds

Knowing Jesus (Matthew 11)

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“Soils” represented in Matt. 11-12

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- “¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.” (Mt. 12:1-14)
- “^{15b} And many followed him, and he healed them all.” (Mt. 12:15b)
- ⁴⁹ And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” (Mt. 12:49-50)

What is the “seed”?

When anyone hears the _____ of the _____... (Mt. 13:19a)
Seed = “word of the Kingdom”

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Mt. 4:17)

“word of the Kingdom” = _____

the path

= don’t understand

eaten by birds (v. 4)

snatched by _____ (v.10)

rocky ground

= responds without root

sprung up quickly, _____ in sun (5-6)

_____ in tough times (v. 20-21)

among thorns

= hears

_____ out (v. 7)

too _____ to thrive (v. 22)

good soil

= hears, understands

produced grain (v. 8)

_____ [converts] (v. 23)

Nurturing the “seed” by focusing on the heart (soil)

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“word of the Kingdom” = Gospel

the path eaten by birds (v. 4)
= don’t understand snatched by Satan (v.10)

rocky ground sprung up quickly, died in sun (5-6)
= responds without root gives up in tough times (v. 20-21)

among thorns choked out (v. 7)
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good soil produced grain (v. 8)
= hears, understands reproduces [converts] (v. 23)

Nurturing the “seed” by focusing on the heart (soil)

1) Evangelistically: Preparing the soil (hearts)

2) Educationally: Cultivating the soil (hearts)