

THE MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM

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(1-3) PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS

- traveling thru the Galilee region preaching and bring glad tidings

- Everywhere Jesus went, His message was good news
- When we present the message of the Kingdom, is it good news or bad news

- certain woman ministered to Jesus as He traveled

- The story of Mary Magdalene whose life had been transformed when she met Jesus is just another example of how the good news can change our lives too

(4-8) THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

- as great crowds gathered to hear Jesus, He began to speak to them in parables (an earthly story with a heavenly meaning

- not to hide the truth, but to reveal the truth to those who were really listening

- Jesus something that was very familiar to the people – planting their seeds

- He who has an ear, let him hear

(9-10) PURPOSE OF THE PARABLES

- not everyone is going to “get it”

- to some it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom

- Mystery = not what we think of in something like Sherlock Holmes, but rather something that you would not know unless it was revealed to you

- Jesus quotes [Isaiah 6:9](#)

- even the disciples didn't understand the spiritual meaning of the parable until Jesus explained to them

(11-15) JESUS EXPLAINS THE PARABLE

- the seed is the word of God

- David Guzik = But none of them could understand the *spiritual* meaning until Jesus explained the key to them: *The seed is the word of God (Luke 8:11)*. If you miss the key, you miss the whole parable. If you think the seed represent money, you miss the parable. If you think the seed represents love, you miss the parable. If you think the seed represents hard work, you miss the parable. You can only understand it by understanding the key: *The seed is the word of God.*

- the explanation

- 1st group = people who hear the word, but don't respond
- 2nd group = the "amen" group who get excited, but are soon robbed of their joy because they have no roots
 - The problem with sin is that we often try to deal with the fruit rather than taking an ax to the root
- 3rd group = those who are consumed with the things of this world
 - Cares of this world = how are we going to provide; what are we going to eat, wear; where are we going live, and so on
 - Riches = more about our standard of living and how much we can accumulate
 - Pleasures of life = the mark of the last days church
- 4th group = those who hear, respond, and trust the Lord

(16-18) ANOTHER PARABLE

- there is a great responsibility if we are exposed to the word of God, and every person ought to seriously consider what is being said here

- We have a responsibility to share whatever truth God has shown us
 - What about our story, our testimony
- We have a responsibility to take heed how we hear
 - We are accountable for what we hear

- the more we active in responding, the more we will be shown

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