

Good Story

Good Soil

Matthew 13:3-9 “He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one: ‘Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn’t have deep roots, they died. Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.’”

Soil Conditions

Too _____ “As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them.” (v4)

John 1:10-11 “He came into the very world he created, but the world didn’t recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.”

Matthew 13:19 “The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.”

Soil Conditions

Too _____ “Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow.” (v5)

Matthew 13:20-21 “The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall

away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word.”

Galatians 1:6-7 “I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ.”

Soil Conditions

Too _____ “Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants.” (v7)

Matthew 13:22 “The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced.”

Good _____ “Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!” (v8)

Matthew 13:23 “The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”