

## Parable of the Sower in the Synoptic Gospels

### 1. Comparison #1:

- a. **Mark 4:** Some people are like terrain along a path where seeds are stolen by birds; they are robbed of the word by Satan.
- b. **Matthew 13:** One type of person is like a seed sown along a path, stolen by a bird; that one does not understand the word and is a victim of the evil one.
- c. **Luke 8:** Some persons are like terrain along a path where seeds are stolen by birds; they are robbed of the word by the devil.

### 2. Comparison #2:

- a. **Mark 4:** Some people are like plants on rocky ground that lack roots; they fall away during tribulation or persecution.
- b. **Matthew 13:** Another type of person is like a seed sown on rocky ground; that one hears the word, receives it with joy, but falls away due to tribulation or persecution.
- c. **Luke 8:** Some persons are like plants on a rock that lack roots; they fall away during testing.

### 3. Comparison #3:

- a. **Mark 4:** Some people are like a field with thorns in it; they are lovers of the world, and cares, delights, and desires choke the word and it is unfruitful.
- b. **Matthew 13:** Another type of person is like seed sown in thorns; that one hears the word, but cares and delights choke it, and it is unfruitful.

### 4. Comparison #4:

- a. **Mark 4:** Some people are like the good soil; they hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit.
- b. **Matthew 13:** Another type of person is like a seed sown in good soil; that one hears the word, understands it, and bears fruit.
- c. **Luke 8:** Some people are like a seed sown in good soil; they hear and hold fast to the word and bear fruit.