



The Parable of the Sower

You can find this story in Mark Chapter 4 v 1-20

We all have ears, but sometimes our hearing goes wrong. Jesus is talking about a problem with our hearing in this passage. But it's a spiritual problem, not a medical one.

This is an example of a type of story called a _____ (see v2)

Jesus tells the parable and then explains it to His disciples. But in between these two things, He explains the purpose of these stories – see v11,12

It seems from v11 that there are two groups of people – those on the inside and those on the outside. Of what? _____

What has been given to those on the inside (ie those who follow Jesus) v11

Answer : _____

But to those outside the Kingdom, it looks like the parables are not understood at all. Parables both reveal and _____ *cleanco* (unjumble letters)

To them, it makes no sense. But their hearts are hardened against God's word. They don't invest time and thought on the meaning of the parable.

Look at the parable

What does the seed represent? _____

What kind of person is the sower? _____

What do the different soils represent? Peoples' _____ see v15

In the first type v15 how quickly does the message disappear? _____

Who causes this? _____

In the second type v16,17 what two things cause them to stop following Jesus?

_____ or _____

In the third type, the problem is something different. In fact, three things are mentioned v19. What are they?

Watch out for these things !



But the fourth soil is good. Notice the volume of fruit from their lives in v20. It's important that we listen carefully to the words of Jesus and obey them.