

Once again, we will see the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrating how unique He is through the messages that He preached.

Every one had become so used to the dead formality of the sermons brought by the religious leaders and thinkers of the day, but Jesus in stark contrast shocked His listeners challenging them as He preached with authority and power (upsetting established rulers) whereupon at His death a Roman soldier bore witness, "Never man spake like this man!"



HIS MESSAGE

PREACHING OF THE MESSAGES MATTHEW 13:1-23

The Lord often spoke in PARABLES. Many today describe a parable as, 'an Earthly story with a Heavenly meaning', however, it goes a little deeper than that, for Jesus Himself said that the meaning was hidden to those who do not believe. (11-18)

This parable speaks of four different types of soil each varying in their response to the word of God, (the seed) as it is preached (sown).

Everywhere the Lord Jesus went, His message had amazing and varied effects upon His listeners.

You can make a handout of this!

SOIL	EFFECTS	REPRESENTS
WAYSIDE	NOTHING	HARD HEARTS
STONY PLACES	LIMITED RESPONSE	HALF-HEARTEDNESS
THORNY SOIL	GROWTH OVERCOME	WORLDLY HEARTS
GOOD GROUND	FRUITFULNESS	BELIEVING HEART

Some, like the religious Pharisee's reacted with great anger and although they gave a Holy front, their actions betrayed their hearts condition before God.

Others, like the common people responded with gladness, accepting the Lord and His words, their hearts were the good soil in which Godly fruit would grow!

Today, we have the complete revelation from God in the scriptures, the Bible. As we examine it to determine the picture it gives us concerning the Lord Jesus Christ we can build a unique message to the world concerning Him.

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THE SON OF GOD- JOHN 1:1-14/ MATTHEW 16:16
ONLY SAVIOUR- ISAIAH 53:3-5/ JOHN 14:6/ 1 TIMOTHY 1:15
REDEEMER- TITUS 2:13&14/ ROMANS 3:24
WATER OF LIFE- JOHN 7:37
GOOD SHEPHERD- JOHN 10:1-16
JUDGE 2 TIMOTHY 4:1/ REVELATION 19:11-16
THE COMING LORD- 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16&17

In this parable there are some points that need to be remembered,

- **THE SOWER = THE PREACHER**
- **THE SEED = THE WORD**
- **THE SOIL = THE RECEIVER**

The most important message for the world is the Gospel message. That all of mankind are lost to God because of sin. God, as absolute holiness, loves the sinner but must judge the sin.

He accepted the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on our behalf and judged Him for our sin. Now the offer stands

for any man or woman to put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. God promises that any who accept His Son as their Saviour, will be forgiven their sins, be changed, and will no longer be facing judgement in Hell but have gained Eternal Life. (John 3:16)

Today, just like in the days that Christ walked this planet, the Gospel message causes many different reactions in people. The bottom line is, '.. as thinketh in his heart, so is he.' (Proverbs 23:7)

These thoughts make a wonderful opportunity to present the Gospel message but also will challenge the young believer as to their commitment to God and His word.

NOTE

God compares those who do not endeavour to spread His message to the world around us as one hiding their light under a bucket. (Luke 11:33)

If we hide the message from those around us, how can they be saved? (2 Corinthians 4:3/ Romans 10:14)

We must before God think of ways to present the Gospel message to those we live among or work with. God is still looking for fishers of men today!

