

**The Parable of the Sower (Matt 13, pt. 1):  
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When Jesus's message of the Spiritual Kingdom was rejected by Israel, He began to preach publicly only in parables, but explained His reasons for doing so to the disciples. In the first "Kingdom Parable" (of the Sower/Soils), He told of the four kinds of responses for the same seed (the gospel) which He sowed: (1) On the Road (nonbelievers); (2) Among the Rocks (false believers); (3) Among the Thorns (unfruitful believers); and (4) Good Soil (fruitful believers). It described the situation of the Apostolic Period, the first of a long Church Age.