

"What Jesus Really Taught about Bible Teaching, Part 3"

Our 3rd look at the Parable of the Sower is our 18th look at the real Jesus. Now looking at what he really taught:

First, his teaching about teaching! Quick summary of two previous Sundays: April 19 and 26.

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| 1. Hard soil | Mark 4:15 |
| 2. Rocky soil | Mark 4:16-17 |
| 3. Thorny soil | Mark 4:18-19 |

THIS WEEK:

Mark 4:8, 20 And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold... But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold. In other words, some of the seed was really fruitful, and some was really really fruitful and some was really really really fruitful!

NOTES:

- 1) **The "fruit" of that "seed" is the character of Jesus.** By the way, The Gospel of Mark is not all we need to know in order to really know the real Jesus.

John 15:1,3,5,8,12 I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser... Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ... I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing... By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples... This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Matthew 7:17,20 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit... Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

As "Mark" is not enough, neither are all four Gospels together. We need "the entire library"!

2 Peter 1:5-8 ...make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 2) **The way to be "fruitful" is to get the truth of the Bible into our minds.**

Mark 4:14 The sower sows the word. The intention being that the experience will make us more Christlike.

- 3) **The way to be "more fruitful" is to get the truth of the Bible into other people's minds.**

i.e. the minds of other Christians **Romans 1:13, 15,16** I want you to know, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest (or, bear some fruit) among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles... So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

i.e. the minds of non-believing people **1 Corinthians 3:6-9** I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field...

ACTIONS: (Actual things to do this week)

a) **“Bear fruit” by getting the truth of the Bible into your mind in order to get and stay closely attached to Jesus.**

John 15:4,7,8 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me... If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

→ *reading, Time With God, memorizing, studying* **John 8:31-32** "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Free from sin. Free to please God: Christlike!

b) **Bear more fruit by getting the truth of the Bible into the minds of other Christians.**

Bring up the subject! *"I don't understand. I walked out into this field every week this last Spring and there's nothing growing here!"*

c) **Bear much more fruit by getting the truth of the Bible into your conversations with non-believing people.**

Ditto!