

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

# The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

# Outline to the book of Matthew:

## I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

## II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

\*\*\*Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

# I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

## 4. The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53

(Matthew 13:1-23)

*“The Lord Gives and the Lord Takes away”*

## Outline –

1. The Parable of the Soils vv. 1-9
2. The Reason for the parables vv. 10-17
3. The explanation of the parable vv. 18-23

## 1- Biblical usage of parables

### C. Rules for parables:

- 1) The author's argument is prioritized over theological comparison.
- 2) The reality behind the parable must be understood.  
(ex. Agricultural imagery, wedding imagery)
- 3) Details must not be unnecessarily stressed  
(especially over the main point).
- 4) Context is king!

## 1- The Parable of the Soils vv. 1-9

- The setting of the parable vv. 1-3a
  - “on the same day” v. 1a (cf. Mt. 12)
  - “by the sea” v. 1b
  - “great multitudes were gathered v. 2a
  - Jesus in a boat... multitudes on the shore v. 2c
  - “He spoke many things to them in parables” v. 3a

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- The setting of the parable vv. 1-3a
- The Sower and the seed vv. 3b

## 1- The Parable of the Soils vv. 1-9

### ➤ Soil #1 – v. 4

- “some seed fell by the wayside”
- “and the birds came and devoured them.”

Summary: No soil, seed taken.



## 1- The Parable of the Soils vv. 1-9

- Soil #2 – vv. 5-6
  - “Some fell on stony places” v. 5
  - “not much earth” v. 5
  - “immediately sprang up” v. 5
  - “scorched” v. 6
  - “they withered away” v. 6

Summary: Little soil, immediately sprang up, then withered.

## 1- The Parable of the Soils vv. 1-9

### ➤ Soil #3 – v. 7

- “some fell among thorns”
- “thorns sprang up and choked them”
- Implied: the seed sprang up too.

Summary: Unprepared soil, sprang up, choked out.

## 1- The Parable of the Soils vv. 1-9

### ➤ Soil #4 – v. 8

- “others fell on good ground”
- “yielded a crop”
- “some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

Summary: prepared soil, sprang up, yielded a crop.

## 1- The Parable of the Soils vv. 1-9

- The setting of the parable vv. 1-3a
- The Sower and the seed vv. 3b
- Soil #1 – No soil v. 4
- Soil #2 – Little soil vv. 5-6
- Soil #3 – Unprepared soil v. 7
- Soil #4 – Prepared soil v. 8
- Jesus' charge v. 9

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## 2- The Reason for the parables vv. 10-17

- The disciples question v. 10
- Jesus' answer vv. 11-17
  - To illustrate previous teaching v. 11
  - To conceal revelation v. 11
  - **To give more or take all v. 12**
  - To judge that generation vv. 12-13
  - The fulfillment of prophecy vv. 14-15
  - The blessing given to the disciples vv. 16-17

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### 3- The explanation of the parable vv. 18-23

➤ The explanation provided v. 18

#### Soil #1 – No soil v. 19

- The seed = “the word of the kingdom” v. 19a
- “does not understand it,” v. 19b
- “the wicked one... snatches away what was sown”

Interpretation:

- Soil #1 did not receive the word of the kingdom, so it was taken from them.



### 3- The explanation of the parable vv. 18-23

➤ The explanation provided v. 18

#### Soil #2 – Little soil result vv. 20-21

- “hears the word... receives it with joy” v. 20
- No root, endures for awhile, stumbles v. 21

Interpretation:

- Soil #2 received the word but did not continue. They withered away (v. 6).

### 3- The explanation of the parable vv. 18-23

➤ The explanation provided v. 18

#### Soil #3 – Unprepared soil v. 22

- “hears the word” implied reception v. 22a
- “cares of this world choke the word,” v. 22b
- “and he becomes unfruitful.” v. 22c

Interpretation:

- Soil #3 received the word but was not fruitful because of worldliness.

### 3- The explanation of the parable vv. 18-23

➤ The explanation provided v. 18

#### Soil #4 – Prepared soil v. 23

- “hears the word and understands it,” v. 23a
- “who indeed bears fruit” v. 23b
- “some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

Interpretation:

- Soil #4 received the word and was fruitful because they understood the word of the kingdom.

➤ Interpretation summary:

**1) Soil #1 – No soil v. 19**

- Did NOT receive the word so it was taken.

**2) Soil #2 – Little soil vv. 20-21**

- Received, did not continue, withered away.

**3) Soil #3 – Unprepared soil v. 22**

- Received, not fruitful because of worldliness.

**4) Soil #4 – Prepared soil v. 23**

- Received, was fruitful because they understood.

- What if we apply this same principle to us?:
- Are we equipped to understand revelation?
  - Is our faith shallow?
  - Can we standfast against persecution?
  - Are we too worldly?
  - Do we bear fruit?
    - 1) Personally? (cf. Gal. 5:22-24)
    - 2) Teaching others? (cf. Mt. 7:15, 20)



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