

V1 THAT DAY THE DAY WHICH JESUS MOTHER AND BROTHERS CAME LOOKING FOR HIM MATT 12:46-47 PROBABLY TO PERSUADE JESUS TO STOP PREACHING THEY KNEW IT COULD COST HIM HIS LIFE

V2 JESUS WENT OUT OF THE HOUSE AND WAS SITTING BY THE SEA EVEN THOUGH THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAD REJECTED HIM A LARGE CROWD GATHERED TO HIM SO HE GOT INTO A BOAT AND SAT DOWN

V3 AS THE CROWD STOOD ON THE BEACH JESUS SPOKE MANY THINGS TO THEM IN PARABLES THE IDEA IS LAYING SOMETHING ALONG SIDE SOMETHING ELSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPARISON A SPIRITUAL TRUTH WOULD BE EXPRESSED BY LAYING IT ALONG SIDE A PHYSICAL EXAMPLE THAT COULD BE MORE EASILY UNDERSTOOD

IN THIS ACCOUNT THE TRUTH IS NOT MADE CLEAR BECAUSE THE STORY ONLY TELLS THE PHYSICAL WITHOUT PRESENTING THE SPIRITUAL TRUTH

IT IS ONLY TO HIS DISCIPLES THAT JESUS EXPLAINS WHAT THE PARABLE REPRESENTS AND AN UNEXPLAINED PARABLE IS NOTHING BUT AN IMPOSSIBLE RIDDLE WHO'S MEANING COULD ONLY BE GUESSED AT

V4 JESUS SAID A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW AND AS HE SOWED SOME SEED FELL BESIDE THE ROAD AND THE BIRDS CAME AND ATE THEM UP MATT 13:19 THIS IS THE HARD HEART OR THE FORGETFUL HEARER THE SEED BEING THE WORD OF GOD AND THE SOIL BEING THE HEART

V5 OTHERS FELL ON THE ROCKY PLACES WHERE THEY DID NOT HAVE MUCH SOIL AND IMMEDIATELY THEY SPRANG UP BECAUSE THEY HAD NO DEPTH OF SOIL MATT 13:20 THE SHALLOW HEART OR THE TEMPORARY HEARER THEY HAVE NO ROOTS

V6 BUT WHEN THE SUN HAD RISEN THEY WERE SCORCHED AND BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT THEY WITHERED AWAY WHEN AFFLICTION OR PERSECUTION ARISES BECAUSE OF THE WORD IMMEDIATELY THEY FALL AWAY

V7 OTHERS FELL AMONG THE THORNS AND THE THORNS CAME UP AND CHOKED THEM OUT THE CLUTTERED HEART OR THE WORLDLY HEARER MATT 13:22 THIS IS THE MAN WHO HEARS THE WORD AND THE WORRY OF THE WORLD AND THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES CHOKE THE WORD AND IT BECOMES UNFRUITFUL

V8 OTHERS FELL ON THE GOOD SOIL THE PREPARED HEART OR THE SURRENDERED HEARER THIS IS THE MAN WHO HEARS THE WORD AND UNDERSTANDS IT WHO INDEED BEARS FRUIT AND BRINGS FORTH SOME HUNDREDFOLD SOME SIXTY AND SOME THIRTY

V9 THEN JESUS SAYS HE WHO HAS EARS LET HIM HEAR THAT IS IF GOD HAS GIVEN YOU UNDERSTANDING GOD HAS TO PREPARE YOUR HEART TO HEAR AND UNDERSTAND THE WORD HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CHANGE THE HEART OR PREPARE THE HEART TO HEAR AND UNDERSTAND THE WORD THAT IT MIGHT BRING FORTH FRUIT

LUKE 18:26-27 WHAT IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH MEN IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD THEY ARE POSSIBLE FOR YOU IF GOD DOES THE WORK TURN TO CHRIST AND ASK HIM TO GIVE YOU AN OPEN HEART THAT WILL RECEIVE THE GOSPEL

EPH 2:10 REMEMBER WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM

MATT 7:7 ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND KNOCK AND IT WILL BE OPENED TO YOU

GOOD WORKS WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM

THOSE WHO HEAR THE TRUTH WITH EVIDENCE OF CONTINUED OBEDIENCE TO THE TRUTH THEY ARE THE ONES WHO UNDERSTAND THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED MERCY