

PARABLES 2

The Reason for Parables

Read Matthew 13:13-15

- Put in your own words Christ's reasoning for the use of parables?

The Parable of the Sower

Read Matthew 13:1-9 then 18-23

Person One

- What is the seed being sown and where is it going?

- In your own words, why say this seed is being cast "by the way side"?

- In verse :19 who is the "wicked one" and what symbol did Christ use in verse :4 to describe him?

Person Two

- Would you say the person in verses :5 and :20-21 considered what he heard?

- What is meant by, "they had not much earth," or "had not root in himself"?

- Compare verses :6 and :21. What does Christ mean when He says the seed was scorched? (Scorched (g2739) means, "to be tortured with intense heat"). Compare Revelation 16:8-9.

Person Three

- What are thorns a symbol of? Does Proverbs 18:14 shed any light on this person?

- Would you say this person has considered the truth given them?

- In verse :22, if we changed the word "world" to "age", what difference would it make?

- What are "riches" a symbol of?