

Insights from Luke

#24: "Perhaps the Most Famous
of All of Them –
The Sower Went Out to Sow"
Luke 8:1-15

"The Parable of Parables"

Outsiders

Luke 8:2-3

"² And also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means."

Mary Magdalene
Joanna
Susanna

Luke 8:1,4

"¹ Soon afterwards, He began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him. ... ⁴ When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable."

twelve

Luke 8:5-8

“⁵ ‘The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶ Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out. ⁸ Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great.’ As He said these things, He would call out, ‘He who has ears to hear, let him hear.’”

Bad Soil

Rocky soil

John 8:31

“³¹ So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, ‘If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.’”

Colossians 2:23

“²³ These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.”

Thorny soil

Good soil

Parables remind us that it still takes the Holy Spirit to provide complete understanding.

Deuteronomy 30:6

“⁶ Moreover the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.”

Ezekiel 36:26-27

“²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.”

Titus 3:5

“⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.”

Jesus' instruction leaves little ambiguity with regard to assuming people are Christian because they attend church.

Stop thinking of conversion
as when it was done and
think of it as who you are.

**We have been invited to dinner
and now we are here,
but how did we really arrive here?**