

## Introduction

Gospel – euangelion – good news

- \* the message given by Jesus and
- \* the message about Jesus

## The Preparation for Jesus' Public Ministry 1:1-13

### Jesus' Early Galilean Ministry (1:14 – 3:6)

### Jesus' Later Galilean Ministry, Part 2

1. Jesus' activity around the Sea of Galilee (3:7–12)
2. Jesus' appointment of the Twelve (3:13–19)
3. The Beelzebub accusation and Jesus' identity of His true family
4. Jesus' parables depicting the character of God's kingdom  
4:1-34
5. Jesus' miracles demonstrating His sovereign power (4:35–5:43)
6. Conclusion: Jesus' rejection at Nazareth (6:1–6a)

### Jesus' parables depicting the character of God's kingdom 4:1-20

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*Parable*

## The Parable of the Sower and the Soils

### 1. General Overview

- a. Jesus sat
- b. A great multitude
- c. Boat
- d. Taught by parables
- e. Why teach outside?

### 2. The Parable of the Sower and the Soils

1. Wayside
2. Stony Places
3. Among Thorns
4. Good Soil

*He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*

### 3. The Purpose of Parables

### 4. The Parable of the Sower Explained

1. Wayside
2. Stony Places
3. Among Thorns
4. Good Soil

### How about you!

**Which soil best describes the last 10 years of your life?**

- 1. I hear the Word and do nothing.**
- 2. I hear the Word, get excited, but bail when things get tough.**
- 3. I hear the Word, but the world is just too important to me.**
- 4. I hear the Word, obey the Word, and bear fruit.**

**Your response to God's Word reveals who you are.**