

Parable of the Sower – Part 1
The Roadside Soil - The Hard Heart
Mark 4:1-20

- I. **Introduction**
- II. **The Basic Considerations of This Parable. (Mark 4:1-20)**
 - A. **The sower is the Lord Jesus or any preacher of God's Word. v. 14 (Mark 1:38, 1 Peter 1:23-25, Jas. 1:11, Gen. 26:12, Is. 9:3, Ps. 126:6)**
 - B. **The focus of the parable is not the sower or the seed, but the various conditions of the soil. vv. 3-9, 14 (Matt. 13:19, Deut. 6:4, Rom. 10:17)**
 - C. **Why did Jesus speak in parables? vv. 10-13 (Is. 6:9, Deut. 29:4, Matt. 13:16)**
- III. **The Hard-Hearted Person is Indifferent to the Gospel. vv. 4, 15**
 - A. **The pathway soil explained. vv. 4, 15 (Lk. 8:5, 12, 23:9; Ex. 8:32; Matt. 27; Mark 2:23)**
 - B. **Do you understand what a privilege it is to hear the Word of God preached? vv. 15-20 (Mark 3:4-5; Jer. 16:16; Ps. 119:11, 103; Lk. 12:8-13)**
- IV. **The Hard-Hearted Soil has the Word Snatched Away from Them by Satan. v. 15**
 - A. **This happens when one is distracted from listening seriously to the Word. (1 Pet. 2:1, 1 Cor. 1:18, 2 Thess. 2:11-12)**
 - B. **The birds of the air are in this room now! v. 15 (Rev. 12:9, Lk. 8:12, 2 Cor. 2:11, 1 Pet. 5:8)**
- V. **Conclusion / Application (Heb. 12:1-3)**