

Walk With the Word

**Mark 4**

4:1-2 – Mark switches his subject from Jesus’ healings and casting out demons to teaching about *the kingdom of God.*



4:3-20 – The parable of the sower and the soils.



Note: the “seed” is the Word of God.

Soil #1: Some “seed” never makes it into the soil.  
Satan ensures the Word never makes it to the heart.



Soil #2: Some “seed” gets into the soil but it’s bad soil.  
The hearer has no “firm root,” referring to the heart.



Soil #3: The “seed” gets into the soil but is crowded out.

The “seed” bears no fruit because:

- 1) ... “worries of the world.”
- 2) ... “deceitfulness of riches,”
- 3) ... “desires for other things.”



Soil #4: The “seed” falls on good soil.

The “seed” bears fruit because:

- 1) ... “they hear the Word.”
- 2) ... “they accept the Word,”
- 3) ... “they bear fruit by the Word.”



4:21-25 – The parable of the lamp



4:26-29 – Another parable of the “seed” representing the kingdom of God.



4:30-34 – The parable of the mustard seed: like *the kingdom of God*.



4:35-41 – In the midst of the storm: “Why are you *afraid?*”



