

MATTHEW 13





3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed.

SOW WHAT?



SEEDS

-What are these 'seeds' that the farmer is sowing?

-Pumkin seeds?!!!

Lets see what Jesus said... 18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom...

SEEDS

 The message about the kingdom of God

Who is the farmer?

How does the seed get sown?

What happens to it?

4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.





19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

BIRD SEED

What could be more frustrating for the farmer than seeing the seeds eaten up by birds?!

 It doesn't stop him sowing the seed

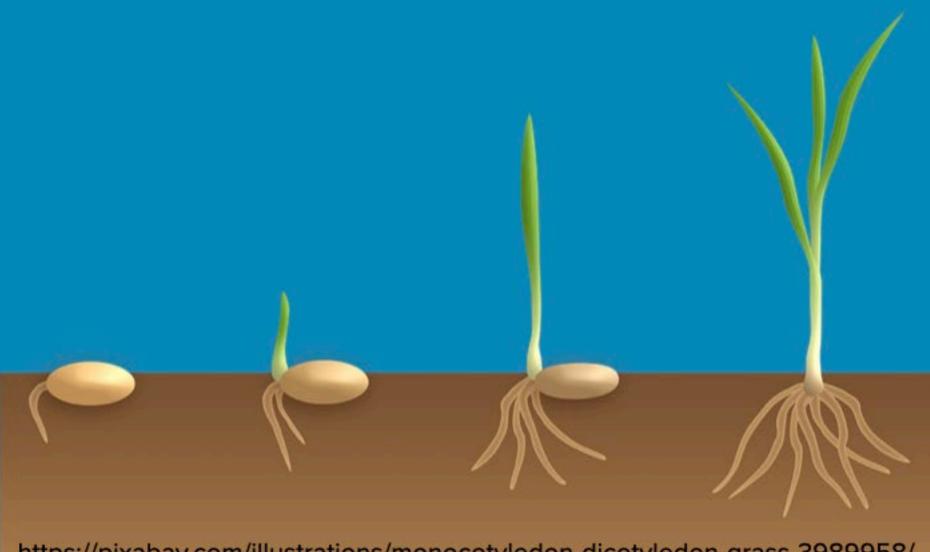
Keep Kingdom-ing!

BIRD SEED

 Don't just hear the message - make every effort to understand it too

 Become a spiritual scarecrow!

 Pray that the seed will not be snatched 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root





20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

ROOTED

 Don't let faith be a 'flash in the pan'

If the seedlings are planted and rooted then trouble and persecution can make the stronger!

Pray for those roots!

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.



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22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful

THORNY ISSUES

 Thorns are not really a sign of good gardening

- This one raises particularly thorny challenges for us in our culture today
 - "Worries of this life"
 - 'Deceitfulness of wealth'

THORNY ISSUES

 Don't let your faith be choked by worldly concerns

 Don't let yourself be deceived... you can be fruitful

-Get weeding!

8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produceda crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.





23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown

SO WHERE?

If we hear and really understand the message of the kingdom then the word will take root, grow strong and bear fruit!

SOW WHERE?

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-What happens when a seed makes it all the way?

-We can be fruitful seed spreaders!

 Sowing kingdom truth and action everywhere!



MEMORY VERSE...

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