

Seeds

Mark 4:1-20, 26-32

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Mark 4:1-9 (CSB) - *Again he began to teach by the sea, and a very large crowd gathered around him. So he got into a boat on the sea and sat down, while the whole crowd was by the sea on the shore. ²He taught them many things in parables, and in his teaching he*

said to them: ³“Listen! Consider the sower who went out to sow. ⁴As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground where it didn’t have much soil, and it grew up quickly, since the soil wasn’t deep. ⁶When

the sun came up, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it didn't produce fruit. ⁸Still other seed fell on good ground and it grew up, producing

fruit that increased thirty, sixty, and a hundred times.”⁹ Then he said, “Let anyone who has ears to hear listen.”

1. A story about the
STRENGTH of
the seed.

Mark 4:26-29 (CSB) – “*The kingdom of God is like this,*” he said. “*A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day; the seed sprouts and grows, although he doesn’t know how. ²⁸The soil produces a crop by itself—first the*

blade, then the head, and then the full grain on the head. ²⁹As soon as the crop is ready, he sends for the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (ESV) – “*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and*

***when you walk by the way, and
when you lie down, and when you
rise.”***

**2. A story about the
SIZE of the seed.**

Mark 4:30-32 (CSB) - *And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use to describe it? ³¹It’s like a mustard seed that, when sown upon the soil, is the smallest of all the seeds on the ground. ³²And*

when sown, it comes up and grows taller than all the garden plants, and produces large branches, so that the birds of the sky can nest in its shade.”

**3. A story about
the SAMENESS of
the seed.**

Mark 4:14-20 (CSB) – “The sower sows the word. ¹⁵Some are like the word sown on the path. When they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word sown in them. ¹⁶And others are like seed sown on rocky ground. When they hear the word, immediately they receive it

with joy. ¹⁷But they have no root; they are short-lived. When distress or persecution comes because of the word, they immediately fall away. ¹⁸Others are like seed sown among thorns; these are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹but the

***worries of this age, the
deceitfulness of wealth, and the
desires for other things enter in
and choke the word, and it
becomes unfruitful. ²⁰And those
like seed sown on good ground
hear the word, welcome it, and***

produce fruit thirty, sixty, and a hundred times what was sown.”

Jeremiah 4:3 (CSB) – “*Break up the unplowed ground; do not sow among the thorns.*”

**Hosea 10:12 (CSB) – “Sow
*righteousness for yourselves and
reap faithful love; break up your
unplowed ground. It is time to seek
the LORD until He comes and sends
righteousness on you like the rain.”***

