

# Jesus the Storyteller



## THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Matthew 13:1-23 // Dr. Ron Jones

"A story is a way to say something that can't be said any other way."

FLANNERY O'CONNOR

"Marketing is no longer about the stuff that you make, but about the stories you tell." SETH GODIN, CEO OF YOYODYNE, FORMER YAHOO EXECUTIVE

A parable is an \_\_\_\_\_ story with a \_\_\_\_\_ meaning.

### Why Did Jesus Speak In Parables? // Matthew 13:10-17

1. To reveal the \_\_\_\_\_
2. To conceal the \_\_\_\_\_

### The Parable of the Sower // Matthew 13:1-9

In the Parable of the Sower, the three "main characters" are the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_.

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## The Four Hearts ["SOILS"] // Matthew 13:18-23

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ heart ["PATH"]

MATTHEW 13:18-19

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ heart ["ROCKY GROUND"]

MATTHEW 13:20-21

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ heart ["THORNS"]

MATTHEW 13:22

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ heart ["GOOD SOIL"]

MATTHEW 13:23

## Guarding Your Heart

*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*

PROVERBS 4:23 NIV

1. Guard your \_\_\_\_\_. PS. 119:37; MATT. 5:29; JOB 31:1

2. Guard your \_\_\_\_\_. MATTHEW 13:15; PS. 1:1

3. Guard your \_\_\_\_\_. PHIL. 4:8; 2 COR. 10:5