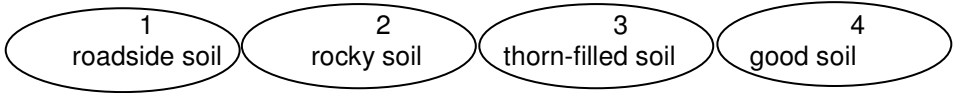


“The Sower and the Soils”

Mark 4:4-9

Context: Note crowds in 4:1, but recall the conflict w/family and religious leaders.

Four types of people in this world. . . do you know your dirt-type?



#1 is easy to figure out, Lk. 8:12. See 2 Cor. 4:4,5. Most folks fit here, Mtt 7¹³13.14

#4 is also easy to figure out, note degrees of productivity vary, Lk.19:16-18

#2,3 are tougher to figure out. Eventual failure suggests what about their spiritual condition?

See Lk. 8:12, 13. Luke’s usage of “receive” (*dechoma*) in 9:48, 18:17, Acts 11:1, 17:11, 12 / I Thess. 1:6,7, 2:13. “Believe for awhile. . . fall away” = ?

Eternal security: Eph. 1:13, Jn. 10:28, 2 Tim. 2:13, I Cor. 3:14,15

Two major problems for us:

I Pt. 4:12-14 / Jn. 2:15

Of the two big areas that routinely trip people up, which might ours be?

Which type of dirt are you?

How can we enrich our soil?

