



# The Four Soils - Disciples

## Which Soil Are You?

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**Characters:** 3+ = 1 Male, all others either male/female. [N (Narrator), S (Sower)], S1 (Seed 1), [B1 (Bird 1), Sun, T1 (Thorn 1)], [additional characters: S2 (Seed 2), S3 (Seed 3), S4 (Seed 4), B2 (Bird 2), T2 (Thorn 2).] Easiest done with 6 or more. S1/4 means Seed 1 or Seed 4. Underlined **word** = cue.

**Setting:** "outside" where a sower would broadcast seed.

**Props:** None required. This script for the Narrator, if desired. Colored shirts to depict parts (yellow sun, green seed, black thorn, blue bird), but none if only using 3 actors.

**Scripture:** Mark 4:1-20. *"But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."*

**Opening:** all entre. Narrator stands to the near side, S stands next toward centre, S1 squats in front of S, Sun behind S, B1 and T1 squat down on far side.

**N:** Mark 4:1-20 says, **Again Jesus** (S walks forward, waves) **began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. And He was teaching them many things in parables, and in His teaching He said to them...**

***Listen!*** (S returns) ***A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path,*** (N/S 'tosses' S1 forward) ***and the birds came and devoured it.*** (B1 swoops in and pecks S1 several times, then freezes in place.) ***Other seed fell on rocky ground,*** (S tosses S1/2 forward) ***where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up,*** (S1/2 springs up, smiles greatly) ***since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose*** (Sun runs up 'beaming' down on S1/2) ***it was scorched,***

**S1/2:** Ye-owch! That burns!

**N:** ***...and since it had no root, it withered away.*** (S1/2 withers or faints onto knees.) ***Other seed*** (S1 grimaces that it's about to be tossed again and pleads, no.) ***fell among thorns,*** (N/S tosses S1/3 toward T1) ***and the thorns grew up***

**T1-4** jumps up: **Ah-ha!**

**N:** ***and choked it,*** (T1-4 wraps hands around S1/3's neck to choke it, smiles, looks around at the audience for encouragement, but can show disappointment if the audience 'boos', then anyway drops S1/3 to the floor)

**N:** ***and it yielded no grain. And other seeds...*** (S helps S1 up, dusts S1 off and tosses S1/4 furthest, S1/4 squats into position) ***fell into good soil...***

**S1/4** smiles: **Ahhhh.**

**N:** ***and produced grain, growing up*** (S1/4 'grows' upward onto knees smiling) ***and increasing*** (S1/4 grows to standing smiling wider) ***and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold*** (S1/4 reaches arms up to sky with hands spread apart and begins to gently dance side-to-side to imaginary



rhythm, Sun joins the dance, T1-4 give up and join in the dance). **And he said, *He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*** (S steps out in front and gestures in rest of skit to appropriate characters.)

**And when Jesus was alone, those around Him with the 12 asked about the parables.** (S, Seeds, Sun, Birds and Thorns freeze in place) **And He said to the 12,** (S gesture to audience) **“To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside** (S gesture toward outside of building or area) **everything is in parables, so that ‘they may indeed see, but not perceive, and may indeed hear, but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven.’”**

**...“Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower (S point to self) sows the word, the seeds (S point to S1) are the word. **And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes** (Birds arch into position and freeze) **and takes away the word that is sown in them.** **And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy** (Sun waves). **And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word,** (S2 falls down) **immediately they fall away.** **And others are the ones sown among thorns.** (S3 and Thorns rise and stand) **They are those who hear the word,** (S3 cups ears) **but the cares of the world** (T1 frowns) **and the deceitfulness of riches** (if adding other Thorns they each look greedy or plotting in turns) **and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word** (Thorns each take a wrist or ankle of Seed or Seeds captive and Seeds and Thorns wriggle for a count then freeze), **and it proves unfruitful.** **But those that were sown on the good soil** (S4 stands, hands on hips, and smiles, or S tugs Thorns off S4) **are the ones who hear the word** (Seed cups ears) **and accept it** (S4 raises hands skyward) **and bear fruit, thirtyfold** (S4 opens left hand) **and sixtyfold** (S4 opens right hand) **and a hundredfold.”** (S4 freezes or may toss small boxes of raisins into audience from pockets or handout gift Bibles--don't use wrapped candies which are instantly noisy and keep the audience from hearing the next important questions)**

**Now you are a soil** which has just heard the word of God; **which soil are you? More importantly, which soil do you want to be? Will you let the Sower pull the weeds (T1) from your life? Will you let Him till you, and turn you over and add fertilizer** (all grab noses) **which may stink for a while, but will make you strong** (S4 muscle stance) **and fertile? Do you want Him to cover you with water** (S 'pours' over S4) **that may at first seem to drown you, but will, in fact, soak in and bring life? Do you want His light (Sun) shining on you? Which soil do you want to be? Only those who are **discipled receive this depth of care. Only those (S4) who choose to become committed disciples will bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold, and even a hundredfold. Let's pray.** (Someone prays asking the Father to make us all good, fertile soil as we become committed disciples.)**

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Try to have some biblical literature to distribute and someone to invite people to the altar for a sinner's salvation prayer.

## OPTIONS

- You can have several birds, several thorns, and/or several seeds, just one of each, or just one seed and one person who is a bird, then a thorn, and even the sun.
- The Narrator can be the sower (best combination), or the single seed going from one soil to the next.
- Bird can tuck napkin into shirt and/or pull-out large salad fork for prop.
- If Sower has great memory he can speak **the bolded-red text** and give Narrator a short rest.

