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Q&A

Where did Jesus go so he could talk to the people?

What parable did Jesus tell the crowd?

Read more about it in Mark 4

A Good News Story

The Parable of the Sower

Catholic News Service

One day, Jesus was by the Sea of Galilee and began using parables to teach a huge crowd that had gathered around Him.

A sower went out to sow, Jesus began one parable. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep. And when the sun rose, it was scorched and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it and it produced no grain. And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. It came up and grew and yielded 30, 60, and a hundredfold.

When Jesus had finished teaching and was alone, the Apostles and some others with them questioned Jesus about the parables.

“The mystery of the kingdom of God



Bible Trivia

What was the miracle Jesus performed at the end of Mark 4? (Hint: verses 35-41)

Answer: The calming of a storm at sea

has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables, so that ‘they may look and see but not perceive, and hear and listen but not understand, in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven,’” Jesus said.

Jesus knew that He needed to explain the parable of the sower to His friends.

“The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown. As soon as they hear, Satan comes at once and takes away the word sown in them,” Jesus said.

The seeds sown on rocky ground, He explained, are those who hear the word and immediately receive it with joy.

But they have no roots; they last only for a time, Jesus said. Then when tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

He noted that the seeds sown among thorns are people who hear the word, but the word gets choked out and bears no fruit because they have worldly anxieties or they crave such things as riches.

But those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit 30 and 60 and a hundredfold, Jesus said.

Puzzle

Unscramble each word and arrange the words to form a quotation from the children’s story.

Words:

on _____

eyht _____

tub _____

sotor _____

vaeh _____

Quotation:

Answers: Words — no, they, but, roots, have. Quotation — But they have no roots.



(Photo provided)

East Dubuque Artists Win Contest

On Dec. 19 and 20, Knights of Columbus Arthur J. O’Neill Council in East Dubuque presented awards for their Keep Christ in Christmas contest for students in St. Mary Parish’s religious education program and St. Mary School. Religious education students honored were (from left above, front row) Romy Dolan, Ethan Schonhoff, Isaac Werner, Kaden Loeffelholz, Lucas Jackson, Ryker Wall, Madeline Heitkamp, (back row) Denny Gansemer, Kelly Puls, director of religious education, and Dale Schilling. St. Mary student winners with Angela Jones, principal of St. Mary School, Gansemer and Schilling, were (below from left) Samantha Soat, Alana Sheehan and Nathaniel Sheehan. Gansemer is the chairman of the Keep Christ in Christmas program and Schilling is Grand Knight of the East Dubuque KC council.



Don't forget our annual Heart to Heart Lent giving project is coming in February!