



Take This to Heart

Matthew 13:1-9: ¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear."

Matthew 13:18-23: ¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Matthew 13:1 NIV: "That same day"

Matthew 12:1-2 NIV: At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath."

Matthew 12:9, "Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus"

Matthew 12:14, "the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus."

Matthew 13:15 NIV: "for the people's heart has become calloused, they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes."

Jeremiah 17:9-10 NIV: "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"

Matthew 13:15 ERV: "Then they might turn back to me and be healed."

Jeremiah 17:9-10 NIV, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind."

Ezekiel 36:26 NIV: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."