



**January 28 & 29, 2012**

Mark 4:1-20  
 "The Dirt on Dirt"

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

Jesus is using an ancient & \_\_\_\_\_ teaching methodology  
 to illuminate our minds to eternal & never-changing \_\_\_\_\_.

What did the earliest Christians find within this parable?

- Reassurance –
- Savior –
- Themselves –
- Answers –

Verse 4 = Along the \_\_\_\_\_ ...

Verse 5 = On \_\_\_\_\_ Places ...

Verse 7 = Among the \_\_\_\_\_ ...

Verse 8 = On \_\_\_\_\_ Soil ...

Verse 9 = "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

"Are you listening? Really listening?"

Are we listening to what is Jesus \_\_\_\_\_?

Are we learning what Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_?

**1st**, This is about \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.

**2nd**, This is about \_\_\_\_\_.

**3rd**, This is about \_\_\_\_\_, not soil.

**4th**, This is about what happens to \_\_\_\_\_ souls.

4:4&15 = Along the Path

4:5-6&16-17 = On Rocky Places

4:7&18-19 = Among the Thorns

4:8&20 = On Good Soil

**5th**, This is about a beautiful & \_\_\_\_\_ harvest.

Baptisms in 2011

and in January 2012

\_\_\_ kids

+ \_\_\_ more kids

\_\_\_ youth

+ \_\_\_ more youth

\_\_\_ adults

+ \_\_\_ more adults

\_\_\_

= \_\_\_ in all

**6th**, This is about \_\_\_\_\_  
 with God and His people.

**7th**, This is about \_\_\_\_\_ !

**Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.**

*Colossians 2:6-7*

**For Further Reading & Reflection:**

What type of soil is my soul?

What do I need to do to tend the soil of my soul?

What is God wanting to do in me and through me?

*Mark 4:1-9, 13-20*

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

*Luke 8:4-8, 11-15*

*Simply Jesus* by N.T. Wright

*The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey

**Next week is:** Jesus & the HARD Stuff (week 1) - *Mark 5:1-20*