

THE LIFE OF
JESUS

Message 12
Receptivity

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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on *The Life of Jesus* – Reading 66

A. Introduction.

(Matthew 13:1-9; Mark 4:1-9; Luke 8:4-8)

B. Four kinds of hearers.

(Matthew 13:18-23; Mark 4:10, 13-20; Luke 8:9-15)

1. _____.

(Luke 8:12. C/R: Psalm 14:1; John 3:19;
2 Corinthians 4:4)

2. _____.

(Luke 8:13. C/R: Matthew 7:26-27; John 8:31;
1 John 2:19)

3. _____.

(Luke 8:14. C/R: 1 Timothy 6:10; 1 John 2:15-16)

4. _____.

(Matthew 13:23. C/R: John 15:5-8; Galatians 5:22-23;
Philippians 1:11)

Answers: B1. Unresponsive B2. Superficial B3. Worldly B4. Receptive

Resource Information: Outline and onscreen verses are from HCSB version (Holman Christian Standard Bible) of *The Holy Bible*. Our resource book for this series is *The Life of Jesus, A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels*, which is available in the Bookstore. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your faith and stir meaningful conversations with friends and family. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.
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Opening

If you've ever had a fruit, vegetable, or plant garden, name some of the reasons it either did great or failed miserably.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read Matthew 13:3-9 (Reading #66 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. Fill in this chart to help you see the differences between the four types of soil:

WHERE DID THE SEEDS FALL?	HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS SOIL?	WHAT HAPPENED?	WHY?
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			

Read Matthew 13:18-23 (Reading #68 in *The Life of Jesus*).

2. Who does the farmer represent?
3. What does the seed represent?
4. What does the soil represent?

5. Describe the four types of people represented by the soils:
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
 - 4)
6. A thousand people can hear a sermon or read the bible, but not everyone is impacted and changed. What makes the difference?
7. If a person realizes the soil of his heart is not promoting growth or producing fruit, what is necessary for change? *Be specific and practical.*
8. Can you identify a season in your life when the soil of your heart was not good and fertile? What was that like?
9. What is one change you can make in your life to *become good soil*?

Soul Training

Read the bible every day this week. Before reading, spend a few moments in silence. Ask God to soften your heart and help you hear His voice as you read.

Memory Verse

But the one sown on the good ground — this is one who hears and understands the word, who does bear fruit and yields: some 100, some 60, some 30 times what was sown.

Matthew 13:23 (HCSB)

Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
Mar 20	67		Matthew 13:10-17; Mark 4:11-12; Luke 8:10
Mar 21	68		Matthew 13:18-23; Mark 4:10, 13-20; Luke 8:9-15
Mar 22	69		Mark 4:21-25; Luke 8:16-18
Mar 23	70-71		Mark 4:26-29; Matthew 13:24-30
Mar 24	72		Matthew 13:31-35; Mark 4:30-34; Luke 13:18-21

Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, March 26, we'll take a look at fear, faith, and the power of God as *Jesus Stills the Storm*. Read Mark 4:35-41 (Reading #78 in *The Life of Jesus*).



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