

DEATH BY DISTRACTION

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"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.

Matt 13:1-9

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Matt 12:46-50

DEPENDING ON THE SOIL OF MY LIFE, GOD'S SEED MAY BE...

1. _____

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

...When people hear the message about the kingdom and do not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their hearts. This is the seed sown along the path.

Matthew 13:3-4, 19

2. _____

Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

...The seed falling on rocky ground refers to people who hear the word and at once receive it with joy. 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.

Matthew 13:5-6, 20-21

3. _____

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

...The seed falling among the thorns refers to people who hear the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Matthew 13:7, 22

4. _____

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

'An enemy did this,' he replied."

Matthew 13:24-28