

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

Jesus' Parables: natural realm stories teaching spiritual realm truths about God's Kingdom, where Jesus is king.

"If you're going to move to Brazil, there are some things you should know because we do things differently here."

Four kinds of people re: the gospel's proclamation:

- **<u>PATH</u>** people vv.4, 19
- **<u>ROCKY GROUND</u>** people vv.5-6, 20-21
- THORNY SOIL people vv.7, 22
- **<u>GOOD SOIL</u>** people vv. 8, 23
- A 'good soil' Christian hears the word of the kingdom,

understands it, AND BEARS FRUIT.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot **bear fruit** by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is **that bears much fruit**, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5

New fruit for me: ___

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