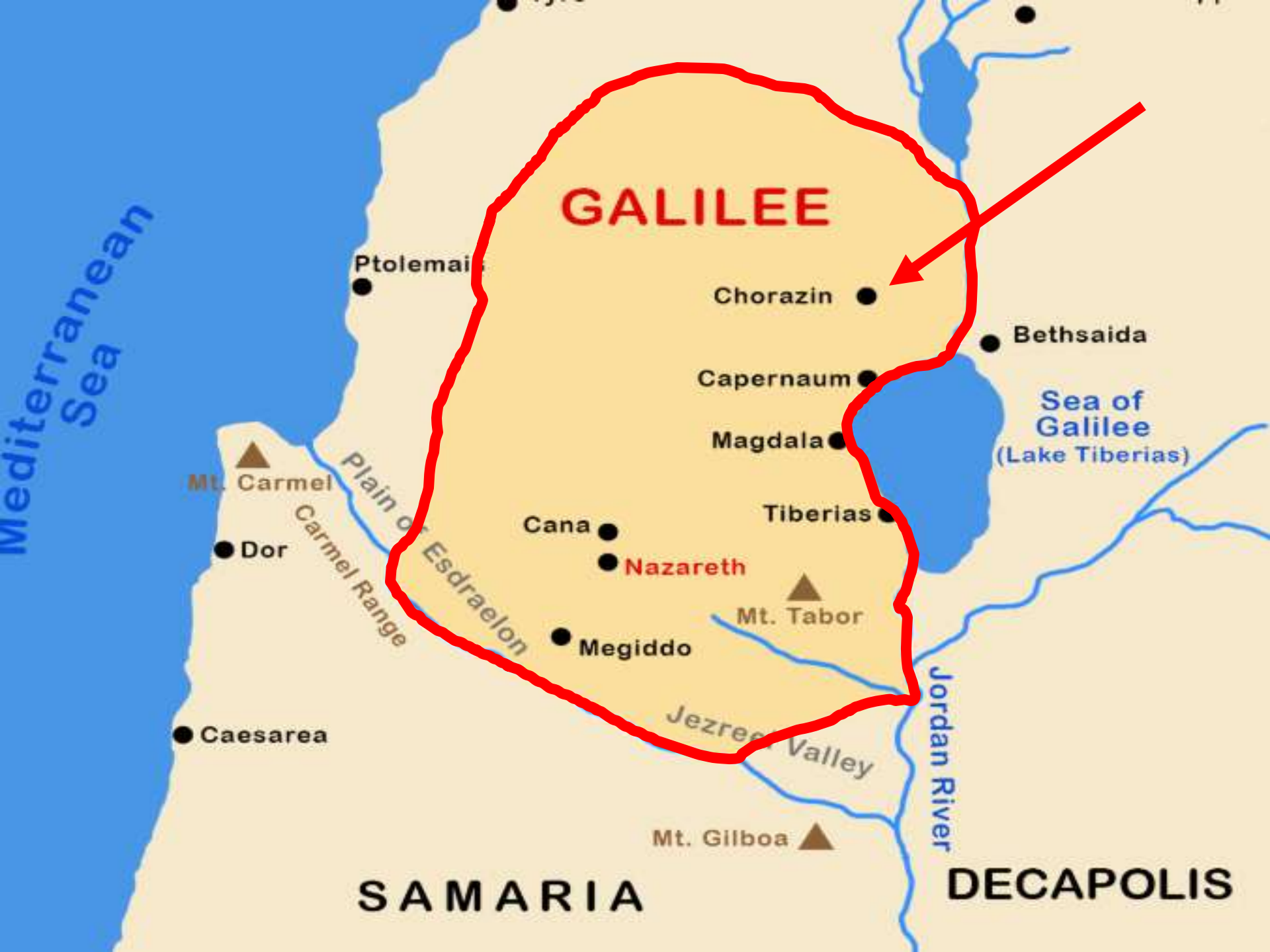


# Power of God's Word

**Luke 8:4-15**







# GALILEE

Chorazin

Bethsaida

Capernaum

Sea of Galilee  
(Lake Tiberias)

Magdala

Mt. Carmel

Tiberias

Cana

Nazareth

Mt. Tabor

Megiddo

Plain of Esdraelon  
Carmel Range

Dor

Jezreel Valley

Caesarea

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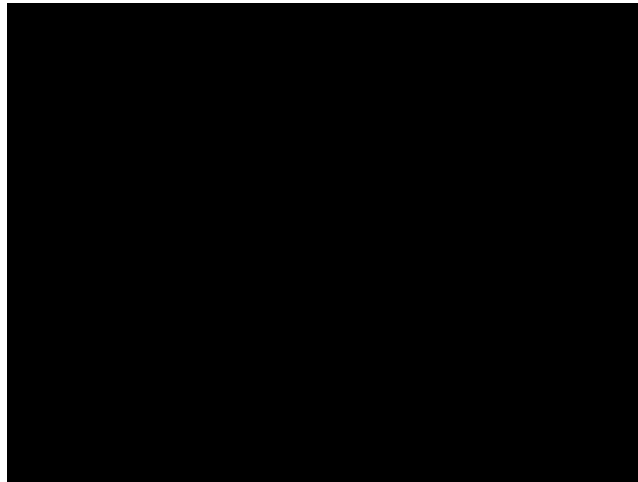
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**Parable of the Sower**



## Key Concept

Jesus taught the importance of receiving the Word and producing fruit from doing so.

**Jesus appoints  
His twelve  
disciples  
(Luke 6:12-16)**

**Jesus teaches and  
explains the  
Parable of the Sower  
(Luke 8:4-15)**

**Jesus heals  
two daughters  
(Luke 8:40-56)**

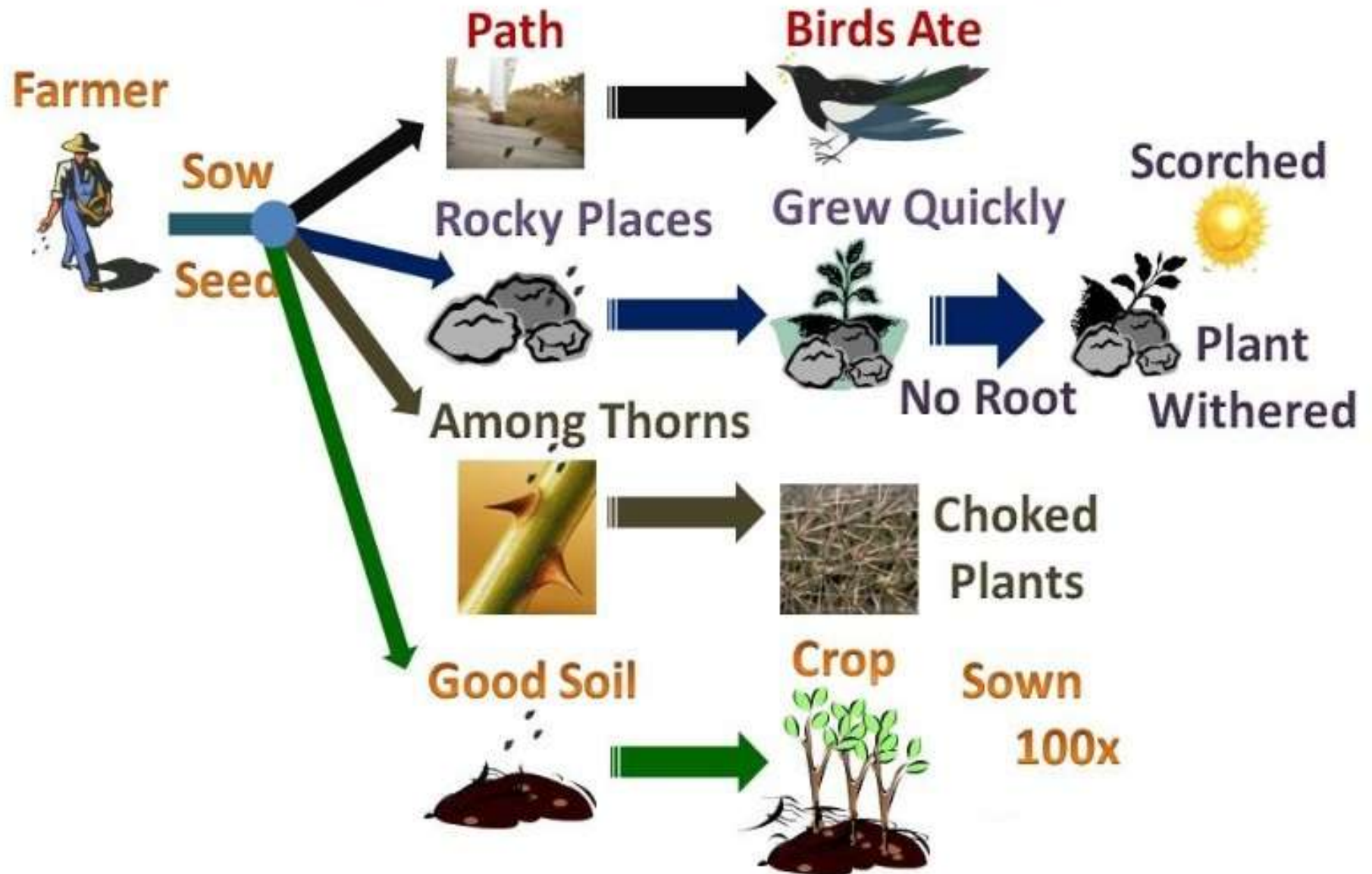
**Jesus delivers His Sermon  
on the Plain  
(Luke 6:17-49)**

**Jesus calms the storm  
(Luke 8:22-25)**

# Three constants of sowing

- 1) Sower: Jesus in this parable; or anyone who is sharing the Gospel
- 2) Seed: The Word of God, perfect, carries value for us, unmovable
- 3) Variables: The soil represents the human heart and its willingness to receive the truth

# The Parable of the Sower



**Where are you now as the seeds begin to fall on you?**



Path



Stoney Ground



Thorny Ground



Good Soil

# Self assessment

- 1) Cultivating soil: anxieties, distractions, material pursuit, social media
- 2) Sower method: God is incredibly generous, He throws seed on places that look unprofitable. *How does this impact you sharing Gospel with people around you?*

# Types of Soil / People

1. Pharisees: Obsessed over legalism, attitude of moral superiority, prideful
  - a. Be cautious don't start looking down on others you think are not as righteous
- 2) Sadducees: They bickered but always were in agreement to oppose Jesus because that rejected many theological truths. They believed God
- 2) Herodians: Political pragmatists and gov't elitist; they show loyalty to a fault to their corrupt ruling class officials to preserve their power and wealth.

# Challenge this week

- 1) Daily till: spend 5 minutes in quiet reflection before reading scripture. Pray that God breaks up any hardness in your heart to receive His word honestly
- 2) Ruthless Pruning: Identify one worldly distraction that is competing for your spiritual focus and intentionally set it aside for the next seven days.

•What is significantly different about Jesus' ministry after He related this parable? All of His public teaching thereafter consisted of only parables. Before, Jesus typically used graphic analogies that were fairly clear in context.

•Why do think Jesus' used parables from then on?

Many scholars believe that it was an act of judgment and mercy. It kept those in the dark that loved it and further exposure to more truth would only increase their condemnation.