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## A Foundational Parable

MATTHEW 13:1-23 MARK 4:1-20 LUKE 8:4-15

**Mark 4:13** And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

- 1. Jesus indicates that if you do not understand the parable of the sower, you will not have the foundation upon which to build your <u>understanding</u> of other parables.
- 2. The parable of the sower contains four basic elements that are essential to understanding the kingdom of God:
  - A. Sowing spreading the Gospel, investing in eternity
  - B. The <u>Seed</u> the <u>Word</u> of God
  - C. The Ground the Heart of Man
  - D. Reaping eternal productivity
- 3. At least one of these four elements is found in each of the other <u>kingdom parables</u> in Matthew 13.