

Structure of Parable of The Sower

In Mark 4:1 Jesus begins to teach in parables before crowds so large he had to sit in a boat as people gathered on the shore. He tells them about a farmer who scatters seed on soil, some shallow, some among thorns and some on good soil. The twelve disciples later want an explanation, which Jesus provides. It is a chiasmus.

- A The parable of a sower (4:1-8)
- B Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear (4:9)
- C Alone with the 12, secret of the kingdom of God (4:10-11)
- B' Hear and listen but not understand (4:12)
- A' Explanation of the parable of a sower (4:13-20)