

## Gospel

Luke 8:4-10a, 11b-15

*As for the part in the rich soil, this is people who take the word to themselves  
and yield a harvest through their perseverance.*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

- 4 With a large crowd gathering  
and people from every town finding their way to him,  
Jesus used this parable:
- 5 ‘A sower went out to sow his seed.  
As he sowed,  
some fell on the edge of the path and was trampled on;  
and the birds of the air ate it up.
- 6 Some seed fell on rock,  
and when it came up it withered away, having no moisture.
- 7 Some seed fell amongst thorns  
and the thorns grew with it and choked it.
- 8 And some seed fell into rich soil  
and grew and produced its crop a hundredfold.’  
Saying this he cried,  
‘Listen, anyone who has ears to hear!’
- 9 His disciples asked him what this parable might mean,  
and he said,
- 10 ‘The seed is the word of God.
- 11 Those on the edge of the path are people who have heard it,  
and then the devil comes and carries away the word  
from their hearts in case they should believe and be saved.
- 12 Those on the rock are people who,  
when they first hear it, welcome the word with joy.  
But these have no root;  
they believe for a while, and in time of trial they give up.

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<sup>14</sup> As for the part that fell into thorns,  
this is people who have heard,  
but as they go on their way they are choked by the worries  
and riches and pleasures of life and do not reach maturity.

<sup>15</sup> As for the part in the rich soil,  
this is people with a noble and generous heart  
who have heard the word and take it to themselves  
and yield a harvest through their perseverance.

The Gospel of the Lord.