

## The Secrets of the Kingdom (Luke 8:1-15) (Parable of the Soils)

### I. The Preaching of Christ (1-3)

- A. Jesus was preaching with the twelve (1)
  - 1. good news of the Kingdom of God
- B. Many Women Were With them Also (2-3)
  - 1. Mary Magdalene
  - 2. Joanna
  - 3. Many others
    - a. Provided for them out of their means

### II. The Parable of The Soils (4-8)

- A. Jesus preaches in a Parable (4)
- B. The Seed and the Soils (5-8a)
  - 1. The seed on the path was devoured (5)
  - 2. The seed on the rock withered (6)
  - 3. The seed among thorns was choked (7)
  - 4. The seed on good soil produced fruit (8a)
- C. Jesus warned to listen with understanding (8b)
  - 1. the one with ears, let him hear

### III The Secrets of the Kingdom (9-10)

- A. Only Those of Faith Hear the Word
  - 1. The Secrets of the Kingdom are only for the disciples (9)
  - 2. Jesus spoke to others in parables (10)
    - a. Seeing they may not see
    - b. Hearing they may not understand

### IV. The Parable Explained (11-15)

- A. The Seed is the Word of God (11)
  - 1. Specifically the gospel of Christ
  - 2. More generally, any word of God
- B. The Path is those who Reject the Gospel (12)
  - 1. They hear, the devil takes away the word
  - 2. They are not saved
  - 3. Paths of 1<sup>st</sup> century were packed hard
- C. The Rocks “believe” until Testing
  - 1. Hear and receive the word “with joy”
  - 2. They have no root
  - 3. They believe for a while then fall away
- D. The Thorns are choked by worldly cares (14)
  - 1. They hear
  - 2. Cares, Riches, Pleasures choke the word
  - 3. They do not produce fruit
- E. The good soil Believes and produces fruit (15)
  - 1. Hear and hold fast to the word
  - 2. an honest and good heart
  - 3. Bear fruit with endurance