

Spurgeon's Notes on Mark

- 4:3** - Every true believer should go out with this one design--to scatter the good seed of the kingdom and to try to obtain for it an entrance into the hearts of their hearers.
- 4:4** - The sower could not help that. It was not his fault but the fault of the hard path and of the birds. So when the word of God is denied entrance in to the people's hearts, the witness will not be blamed by his or her Master; the fault lies between the hard heart that will not let the seed enter in and Satan who came and took it away.
- 4:5** - **Persons with shallow characters are often quick in receiving religious impressions, but they also lose them just as quickly. Those who are hasty and impulsive are as easily turned the wrong way as the right way.**
- 4:8** - There were three failures but one success, or perhaps we might more correctly say three successes. Three sorts of ground yielded nothing, but at last the sower came to a piece of soil that had been well prepared and, therefore, was good ground that yielded fruit, though the quantity varied even there--"thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred."
- 4:15** - Satan is prompt. **We may delay, but Satan never does.**
- 4:17** - The sower in the parable is not blamed because his work was lacking. As the soil was so shallow, the apparent result was quick, and the disappointment was equally quick. I do trust that we will never be satisfied with temporary godliness, with slight impressions soon received and soon lost.
- 4:19** - How can there be room for Christ in the inn when it is crowded with other guests?