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Topic: **Life of Christ – Only Way to Hear!**

Scripture Text: Mark 4:1-9, 14-20

1. The parable of the sower will teach us the right way to respond to God's Word that is preached to us. God's Word is not just for memorization and head knowledge. The parable shows the 4 ways we hear the Word of God. It can happen to a believer as well as an unbeliever.

2. The first way is fretful hearing as the seed fell upon the way side. The Lord Jesus explained that the seed is the Word and for the seed to fall on the way side means Satan came to take away God's Word. The hearer will resist and reject the Word of God. He is proud and arrogant and will not take heed to God's Word at all.

3. The 2nd way is fearful hearing. The seed fell on stony ground. The hearer was glad at first to receive God's Word but when persecutions and afflictions come, he will reject the Word of God. His initial joy is only a façade.

4. The 3rd way is fruitless hearing. The seed fell on thorny ground. Again there was the initial lip service to obey God's Word but when the cares of the world and deceitfulness of riches come, the hearer will reject the Word of God. We must take heed as the strong desire of material things will choke the Word of God.

5. The 4th way is the only right way which is fruitful hearing. The seed fell on good ground. The hearer hears the Word of God, receives it and then brings forth fruit. The hearer obeys God's Word and his life is transformed by God.

The Word of God is given for one purpose – that is for us to obey it.