

# Parable Of The Soils (Part One)

Mark 4: 1-15

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## Verse 1 - 2

**Jesus changes His teaching method after  
being rejected**

**Many people interpret parables differently**

**Our goal is to do a proper exegesis = the original intended meaning of the text (*what the text means*)**

## Verse 3 - 9

**Jesus passionately explains His first parable**

**“Listen!”** = to hear effectually; pay attention!

## **FOUR SOILS / FOUR CONDITIONS OF THE HEART:**

**WAYSIDE** = The soil is hard and trampled down; a feeding ground for the birds (*hard heart*)

**ROCKY** = Little soil; seed springs up rapidly and dries up quickly (*emotional, non-committed heart*)

**THORNY** = This is deceptive soil, looks good; thorns grown up and choke the Word (*distracted heart*)

**GOOD SOIL** = Springs up quickly and yields a crop, 30-60-100-fold (*a focused-on-God heart*)

***“He who has ears to hear, let him hear”***

**LESSON:**

**God is passionate about people listening and hearing what the Spirit is saying!**

**God does speak through His Word, and from His Spirit to our spirit, always in line with His Word**

**It is all about yielding my will to God’s will!**

## Verse 10 - 12

**Even the disciples are confused by this  
parable**

**A few hung around with the 12, they wanted to know what Jesus was talking about**

**LESSON: When you don't understand, ask – you are likely not the only one confused – ASK!**

**In a world of lies and half-truths, you can know the truth, and the truth will set you free – John 8: 32**

**You have the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth and get you to teachers you can trust!**

**Your job is to examine every teacher for the truth; don't believe everything you hear – *test what is being said!***

You are the “**sower**” today

**You must continue to sow seed, even if most will land on non-producing soil**

Your job – **sow**

Your job – **water**

God’s job – **the harvest**

You are **NOT** responsible for someone believing, that is between God and that person!

Verse 13 - 14

**You must understand this parable**

The parable of the soils is referencing the hearts of Jews, and all people that have been given the kingdom offer (*this is about genuine salvation*)

Context of rejection:

Jesus delivered this parable because religious leaders were rejecting His work

The parable of the soils explains why not everyone accepted the Gospel, *even though it was preached*, and often warns of a superficial response

## Verse 15

**The hardened soil = the hard heart**

The “**wayside**” = the hard soil

The hard heart is a no-brainer – Satan “**takes away the word**”

**Why is Satan so interested in taking away the Word / snatching away the Word?**

*Satan knows the Word is powerful to save and he will do anything to keep people from the Word of God!*

**Satan is a life destroyer – JESUS IS A LIFE-GIVER!**

**Most western churches give little attention to the Word of God**



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**The role of the Word of God in your life:**

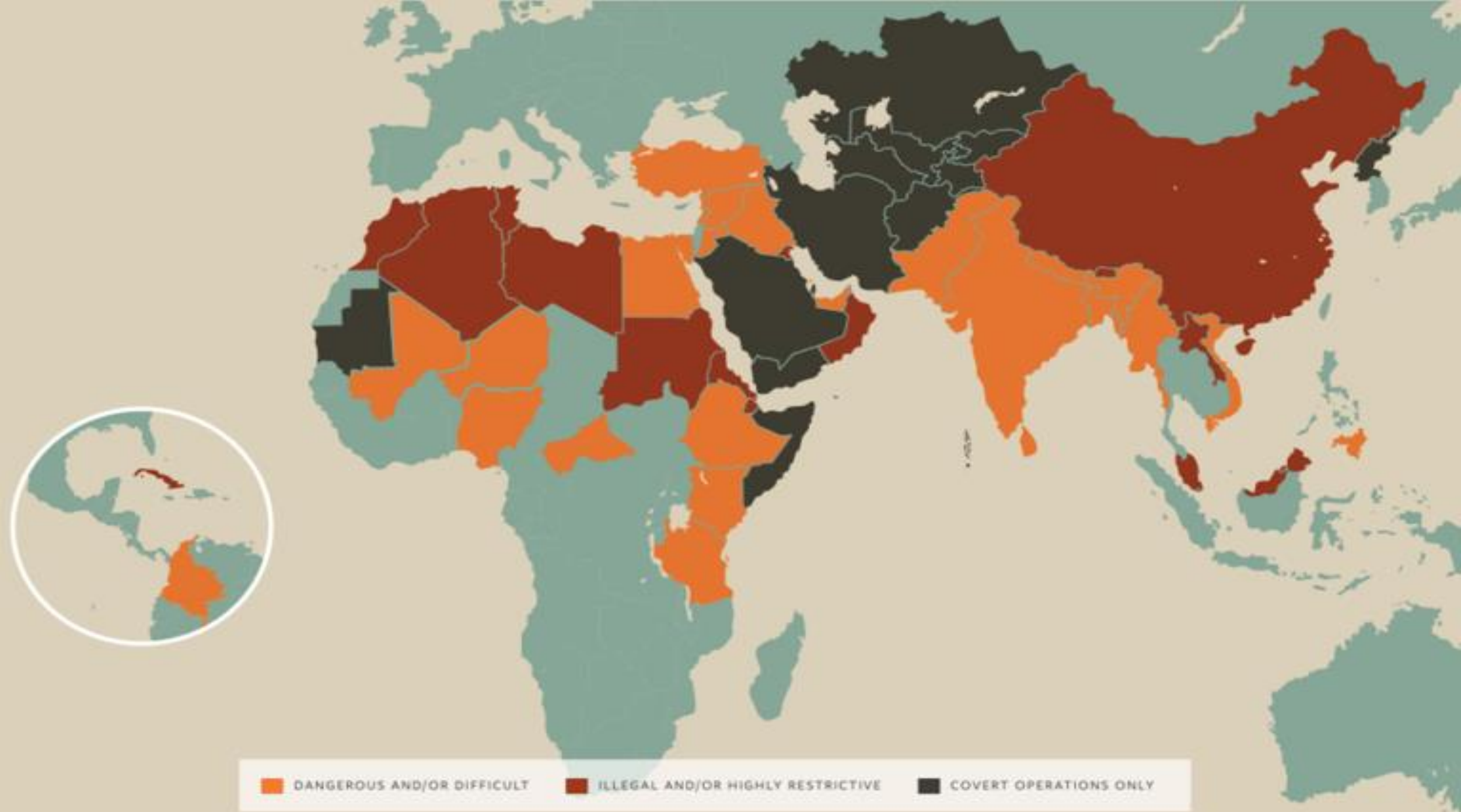
*Conviction*

*Salvation*

*How to live as a believer in Messiah*

**Satan does not want you to read, have access to, or to study  
God's Word**

**The Bible is banned in many Islamic and communist  
countries (*fear of the Word of God*)**



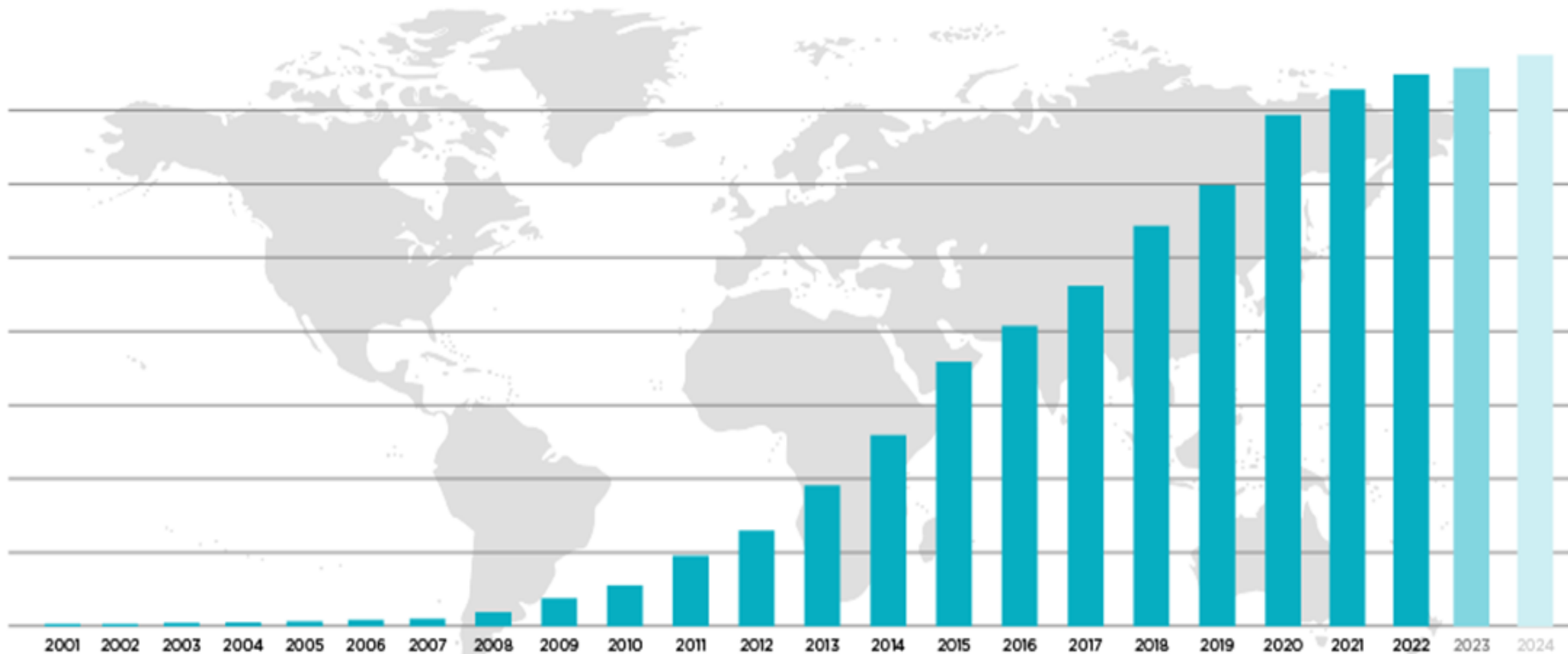
## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

**THE HARDENED HEART CAN BE SET FREE!**

**The spirit of the age is against people reading and studying the Word of God**

**The spirit of the age is a spirit of distraction from the things of God**

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Most do not understand why they have an underlying feeling of anxiety, doom and dread

What is happening is a well thought out strategy by the enemy of their souls – 1 Timothy 4: 1

Deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons have a defined goal of distracting from the things of God

Hearts become hardened, consciences seared, or even dead, and hopelessness permeates the culture

The hardened heart's only hope is to be introduced to the truth, JESUS, our source of TRUTH!

**In our world of anxiety, doom and depression, there is one source of hope:**

You know Him – ***JESUS MESSIAH!***

You know Him as *the PRINCE OF PEACE* – Isaiah 6: 9

You know Him as *the GOD OF HOPE* – Romans 15: 13

You know Him as *your JOY SOURCE* – John 15: 11

He is *your OVERCOMER, your VICTOR, your SOURCE OF TRUTH, your HOPE SOURCE!*

**In this world of smoke and mirrors, lies and half-truths, you can know the truth and be set free – John 8: 32**

**THE HARDENED HEART CAN BE SET FREE!**

***THERE IS FREEDOM IN JESUS!!***

**How do I know this to be true?**

***Jesus set this hardened heart free!***

***HE CAN DO THE SAME FOR YOU!!!***