

## The Gospel According to Jesus

We need the Jesus of the Gospels, and we need the Gospel of Jesus.

### True And False Faith

Luke 8.4-15

When you follow Jesus your faith in Jesus is lasting and evident.

### The Parable

Christianity isn't about making a decision, although it certainly involves that, but it is about a commitment to follow Jesus for the duration of your life.

4 When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable:

5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up.

6 Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

7 Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out.

8 Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great."

As He said these things, He would call out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

### The Significance

11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. 12 Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.

13 Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.

14 The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have

heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

15 But the *seed* in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

A decision is not a commitment.

The commitment is authentic.

Followers of Jesus always follow Jesus.