

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.