









PARABLE:

Comes from a Greek word meaning "To throw alongside"



"Why do you talk to the people in parables.

> **Disciples to Jesus in Matthew 13:10**



Jesus' response paraphrased:

"I want people to listen, to see, and to think."



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"This really means something else or is a symbol for that"



"Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand."

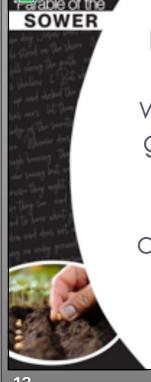
Matthew 13:13



THREE DANGERS IN **READING PARABLES:**

- * we take them literally
 - * we read them allegorically
- * we treat them as moral lessons to learn.

"Be good soil"



Parables offer a different perspective, a new worldview. They give us a glimpse into God's world and what God is like. They heal our ears and our eyes so that we might hear and understand, see and perceive.

