

# Mark 3-4

## *4 soils*

1. Summarize what we learnt last week about Jesus' identity?
2. In these passages, Jesus performs many miracles. What is the significance of these miracles in light of last week?
3. What is the situation into which Jesus Christ speaks about the unforgivable sin? How does this context help us understand the unforgivable sin?
4. What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? Give a modern example?
5. What would you say to someone who is distressed because they fear they may have committed the unforgivable sin?
6. Why does Jesus teach in parables (v11-12)?
7. Can you think of examples, either from your life or others, where the word has fallen:
  - a) along the path.
  - b) on rocky places
  - c) among thorns
8. For each of the three soils that do not produce a lasting crop, discuss how we might avoid being these kinds of soil?
9. optional: How can we understand this parable as fitting in which other passages about falling away?
10. What kind of fruit is produced by the word of God when it is sown in good soil? Can you see evidence of this fruit in your life? (c.f. Gal 5:22-26)
11. What kind of soil are you?