

# Vantage Point

*How the KINGDOM puts all of LIFE in perspective!*

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## ***Have I Embraced the Kingdom Way?***

**1<sup>st</sup> week:** WHEN is the Kingdom of God?

\* Now...though not yet in fullness!

**2<sup>nd</sup> week:** For WHOM is the Kingdom of God?

\* Those with need, willing to receive God's grace!

**3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> week:** WHAT is life in the Kingdom like?

\* Receiving and Extending Mercy/Love

\* Investing our lives in Eternal things.

**THIS WEEK: HOW do I embrace the Kingdom Way of Jesus?**

**INTRO:** The Importance of Good RECEPTION!

**The Parable of the 4 Soils** (Mark 4:1-9)

\* **The Key Role of "Hearing"** (Mark 4:3, 9)

**Context:** *Jesus' Kingdom Message: a mixed Reception?* (Mk Ch.1-3)

1) **The Responsive Disciples** \_\_\_\_\_

2) **The Intrigued Crowds** \_\_\_\_\_

3) **The Threatened Opposition** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE of the Soil...FATE of the Seed!**

**1) HARD PATH (4:4, 15) –Gospel remains EXTERNAL.**

Barriers to Reception? \_\_\_\_\_

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**2) ROCKY GROUND (4:5-6, 16-17) –Gospel remains SUPERFICIAL.**

Barriers to Reception? \_\_\_\_\_

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**3) THORNY SOIL (4:7, 18-19) –Gospel remains VULNERABLE.**

Barriers to Reception? \_\_\_\_\_

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**4) GOOD SOIL (4:8, 20)—Gospel becomes FRUITFUL.**

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**The KINGDOM WAY as a Way of Life:  
RECEPTION → GROWTH → FRUITFULNESS**