

Matthew 13:1-23

The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. **2** Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. **3** Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. **4** As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.



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5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear.”



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10 The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

11 He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 13 This is why I speak to them in parables:



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

14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“You will be ever hearing but never
understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.



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15 For this people's heart has become calloused;

they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.'



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16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. 17 For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

18 “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.



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20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”







Listening & Hearing
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



Consider the sower

- The Sower simply broadcasts Seed.
- Jesus expects Christians to be sowers.



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Consider the soil

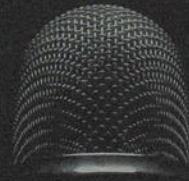
- Some do not allow the truth to penetrate.
- Some prove to be fruitless.



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Consider the soil

- It's all about the fruit.



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What to remember about sowing

- **The harvest is guaranteed, the only need are faithful workers.**



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What to remember about sowing

- **A good worker does their best and leaves the results up to God.**



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Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14.6 CSB



**For all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God. Romans 3.23 CSB**



**For the wages [paycheck] of sin is death, but
the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus
our Lord. Romans 6.23 CSB**

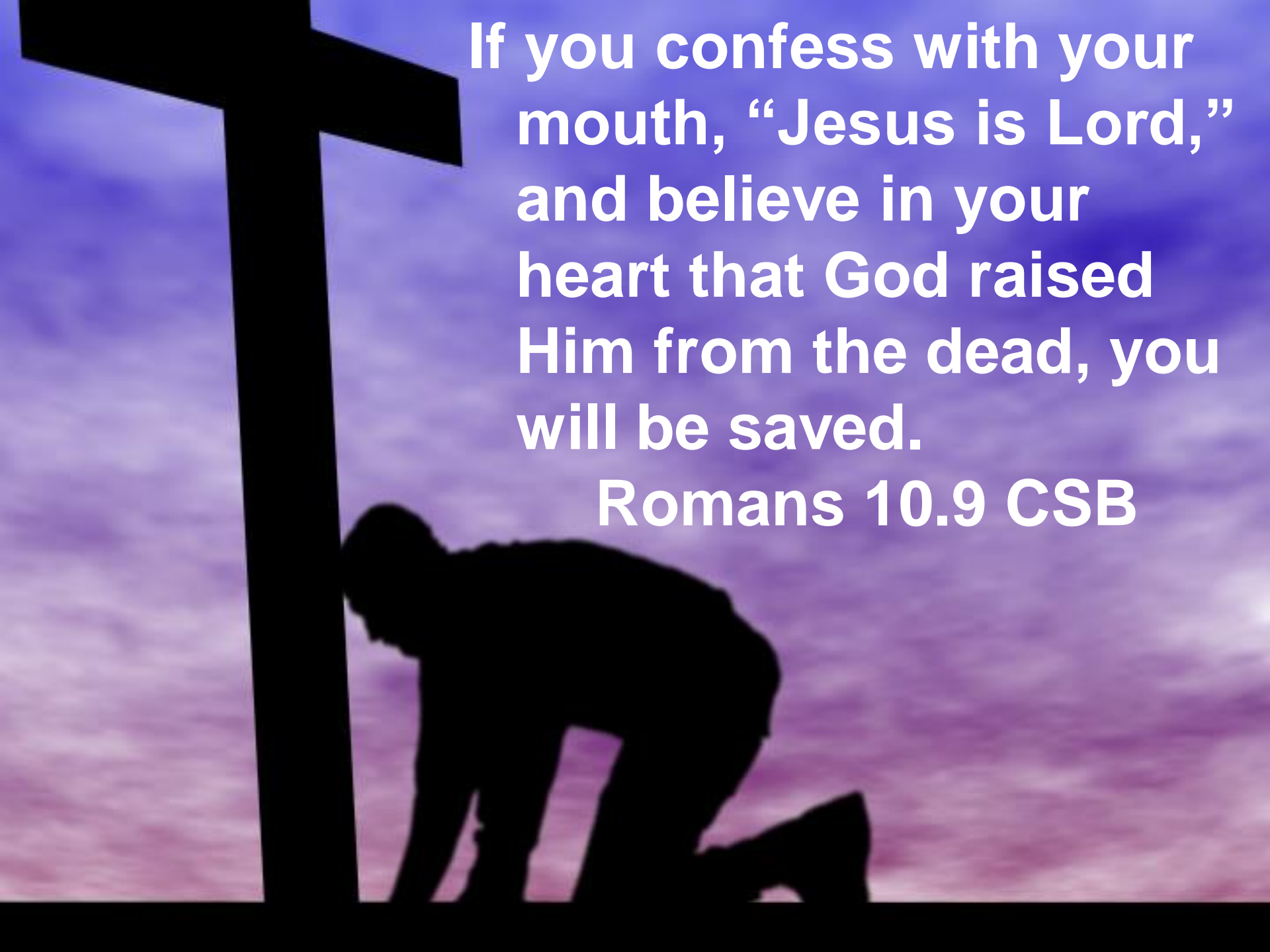


**But God proves His own love for us in that
while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us! Romans 5.8 CSB**

**For everyone who
calls on the name of
the Lord will be
saved**

Romans 10.13 CSB



A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer next to a large black cross against a purple and blue sky.

If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10.9 CSB