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On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a

hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.” (Mt 13: 1-9)

The seed of the Word of God which is sown in the hearts of all mankind, is represented in the parable by the various types of soil. The different fates of the seed does not depend on the will of Jesus but on those who receive the Word of God. We all have to make a choice about what to do with respect to it. Even those who seem afraid to pronounce themselves, in reality have chosen not to do anything and later say no, subjugated by the thorns of fear. What type of ground are you today?