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 multitude was by the sea on the land. \* And he taught   
 them many things by parables, ?and said unto them in   
 ph. xil. his doctrine, 8 Hearken; Behold, ° there went out a sower   
 to sow: “and it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by   
 the way side, and the fowls [40f the air] came and   
 devoured it up. 5 And some fell on ¢ stony ground, where   
 it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up,   
 because it had no depth of earth: ®but when the sun was   
 up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it   
 withered away. 7 And some fell among ‘ thorns, and the   
 thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.   
   
   
   
 azobnsy.8. 8 And other fell on & good ground, and did yield fruit that   
 sprang up and increased ; and brought forth, some thirty,   
 and some sixty, and some an hundred. ° And he said   
 [2 unto them], He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.   
 10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with   
 the twelve asked of him the iparable. 11 And he said unto   
 them, Unto you [Fi#] is given [\* to know] the mystery of   
   
   
 3 the kingdom of God: but unto ‘them that are without,   
 ; all (1 ¢hese] things are done in parables: 12\* seeing   
 9. 4, they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may   
   
 xtou'si, hear, and not understand ; lest at any time they should be   
 converted, and ™their sins should be forgiven them.   
 18 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and   
 how [® then] will ye know all parables?   
   
 ° render, the sower went out. 4 omit.   
 ° render, the stony ground. f render, the thorns.   
 & render, the good ground. - 2D omit.   
 4 read, parables. K omit. 1 not in the original.   
 ™ some ancient authorities read, should: be forgiven them, impersonal :   
 i.e, they should have forgiveness. D not in the original.   
 see ch. ili. The began is coincident are without added here (“the rest,”   
 with the together of the means the multitudes—those out of the   
 things, the Oat mass among His many all who his followers. In the Epistles,   
 one parable is selected, he spoke responding meaning for those days,—are   
 during it—in his doctrine. 3.] Hearken designated by it. 12.) We must keep   
 —this solemn Prefatory word is peculiar the that strictly to its mcaning—in   
 to Mark. ] Matthew am Mark order that. When God transacts a   
 agree nearly verbally. In ver. St. Mark it is to say that the result is the   
 ds and it yielded no fruit, in ver.8, purpose. He doth all things after the   
 that sprang up and increased. counsel of His own will. St. Matthew, az   
 PARABLES. ] Matt. xiii. SPEAKING viii. usual, quotes prophecy; St. Mark hardly’   
 9, 10. the 10.] that were about at sa) .] Luke, very seldom. THE PA-   
   
 Luke. 11.] the mystery; “the mys- RABLE OF THE soWkR. In this parable   
 teries” Matthew and Luke. them that the general question had been asked