

# What will you be doing this Easter Holiday?

Many people rush out to garden centres or nurseries to buy plants and then spend the weekend planting them in their garden. Others concentrate on sowing seed or tending the seed that was sown earlier.

It gives a sense of deep satisfaction when the seedlings appear above the soil. But sometimes very few appear, and immediately we wonder why - was it too hot or too cold; was the soil too wet or too dry; did the birds scatter the seeds or did the weeds grow instead? Our hope is that those that remain will grow up to be strong, healthy and fruitful.

Poor germination is not a new problem, it happened in Jesus' time. He told a story about a farmer sowing seed. He said that some of the seed fell along the path and the birds took it away, some died for lack of moisture and others were choked by weeds. But some of the seed fell on good ground and grew to be the type of strong, healthy and fruitful plants that you would hope to have in your garden (1).

When Jesus explained the story He said that the word of God was like a seed. Sometimes when people hear God's word it does not root fully into their hearts, but in other cases people's hearts are like "good ground" and the word not only roots, but they have a life changing experience as their life becomes fruitful for God (2).

The reason we need a life changing experience  
is because we have:

*all sinned and (are) fallen short of the glory of  
God (3).*

But the Bible also tells us that:

*God so loved the world that He gave his one and  
only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life (4).*

Would YOU like to have this LIFE  
CHANGING experience? Then listen to  
another message from God spoken by his  
Son, Jesus Christ:

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word  
and believes him who sent me has eternal  
life and will not be condemned; but has  
crossed over from death to life (5).

(1) Luke 8:5-8, (2) Luke 8:11-15,  
(3) Romans 3:23, (4) John 3:16, (5) John 5:24