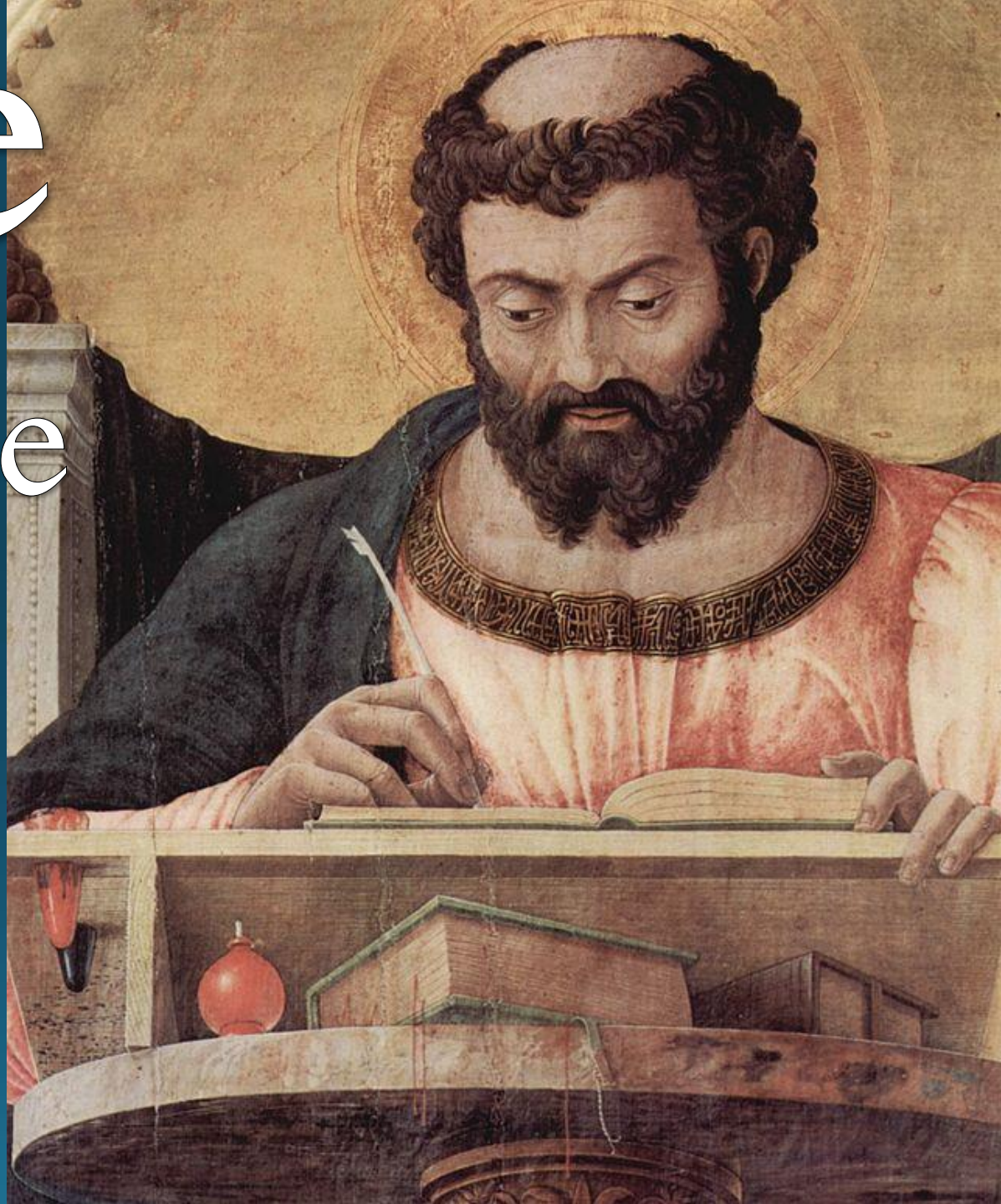


Luke

Response to the Word

Luke 8:4-21



Parable of the Soils

- Jesus' parable illustrates different kinds of “whole life” responses to God's word (vv. 11-15)

Soil	Description
Path (vv. 5, 12)	those who are <u>prevented</u> from acquiring belief and salvation
Rock (vv. 6, 13)	those who <u>abandon</u> their relationship with Christ when they face the <u>cost</u> of being associated with Him
Thorns (vv. 7, 14)	those who get <u>side-tracked</u> into seeking their own comfort, <u>career</u> , family, etc. and ignoring their relationship with Christ
Good (vv. 8, 15)	those who remain <u>steadfast</u> in their commitment to Christ and whose lives make an <u>impact</u> for Him

Parable of the Soils

- There are three different interpretations for the Seed on the Rock (vv. 6, 13) and Seed among the Thorns (vv. 7, 14)
 - Genuine Christians who lost their salvation
 - Non-Christians who never experienced saving faith, but were initially receptive to Christ
 - Genuine Christians who failed to live in the way God commands
 - All three cases have the same solution

Parable of the Soils

- Jesus is interested in “how” we hear His Word: hearing that is accompanied by “doing” (vv. 16–21)

