

Layers of Meaning in the Bible

In your own words, write definitions of the following terms, giving examples where appropriate.

Exegesis:

The literal sense:

The moral sense:

The anagogical sense:

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Now read the parable of the Sower in Luke 8:5–15. In its literal sense, this could be understood as a story describing farming practices at the time of Jesus. However, biblical scholars have helped us to see deeper meanings in this parable. In the spaces below, identify what you think is the deeper allegorical, spiritual and eternal meaning of this parable.

Allegorical meaning:

Spiritual/Moral meaning:

Eternal/Anagogical meaning:
