

MATARIKI

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Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Matariki brings to mind the preparing of soil to receive new seeds, it's also the beginning of the Māori New Year.

As it says in:

Matthew 13:3-9: *"Behold a Sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came to devour them up:*

Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

And then the sun came up and they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and thorns sprung up, and choked them:

But others fell on good soil and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear?"

Mathew 13:37: "Jesus answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man.

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the Kingdom."

Naa, ka whakahoki ia, ka mea ki a raatou, Ko te kairui o te purapura pai, ko te Tama aa te tangata;

Ko te maara ko te ao, ko te purapura pai, ko ngaa tamariki o te rangatiratanga.

And, sowing the good seed, whether it be seeds for the gardens, seeds of the field, and of people – if some fall by the wayside, let's make it our responsibility to help our fellow man.

Karakia was always a part of their respect for God's creation, and it was ongoing - not just Sunday but every day. "We lived it, we talked it and we walked it".

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world gives it, give I unto you".

Kia tau te Rangimarie, kia koutou, kia tatou katou

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