

**Jesus Christ,
The Son of God**
Studies in the Gospel of Mark

Parables for Hearing Ears
Lesson 6
Mark 4:21-41

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Kingdom and Review

- There is nothing that Jesus could point to in our realm and say that the spiritual realm was the same
- Spiritual realm is unseen, physical laws don't apply to spiritual beings
- We only know what God has planned to revealed to us
- So God intentionally created our realm, based on what would be revealed to his intended audience and hidden from others

Parables were used by Jesus to:

- Pass spiritual knowledge and truth onto those who were his own
- Use them to pass judgment on those by hiding spiritual truth from those who were not his own

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Philippians 2:10-11

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mark 4:21-25

The Parable of the Lamp

²¹ And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick? ²² For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. ²³ If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. ²⁴ And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. ²⁵ For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

- Like the previous parable of the seed, the light represents the word of God, or the gospel message. It can also represent a changed life. All of these work to evangelize.

- // to parable of the Sower and the Seed

- Hear His Word / understand / believe / obey it

- Pay attention to how we interpret the word of God especially in regards to sharing it

Isaiah 55:11

so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Mark 4:26-29

The Parable of Seed that Grows

26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;
27 and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.
28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.
29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

- // to parable of the Sower and the Seed

- The sower has absolutely nothing to do with it's final maturity according to this parable.

- God is responsible for the growth and spiritual fruit in a believer... but also how the spread of the gospel happens in others through time and history.

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Mark 4:30-34

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

32 but when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.

34 But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

- Small beginnings yet see the growth.

- Kingdom of God. Few believed initially, yet see how it's grown.

Mark 4:35-41

Calming the Storm

35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

- Sea of Galilee is a large freshwater lake 12 ½ long x 7 ½ miles wide, prone to storms
- Jesus slept in the boat during the storm... demonstrated he was fully man
- Trusting your very life to Jesus even through trials
- Jesus demonstrated his authority and power over his creation

Summary

- Parables in this section have to do with how God intends for us to share the Gospel
- God causes the growth and increase in believers by His design
- God can use even the smallest sharing of the gospel to cause a great increase in believers
- Jesus displayed that he was fully God by his power over his creation and yet fully man
- God is protecting each of us as believers, that he is working out all things according to his will.

Romans 8:28-30

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.