

THE GOSPEL OF
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CHAPTER 4, PART 2

Verses 26-41

MORE PARABLES

In this second half of Mark Chapter 4, Jesus continues His special teaching method, using parables on the Kingdom of God. “Like seed, God’s kingdom contains within itself the power to grow. The only human role is planting” (Holman Study Bible). As you study this section, consider the power of God manifested by the Holy Spirit in the building of the Kingdom and by Jesus in the storm.

MEMORY VERSE

Who can this be that even the wind and the sea obey Him! Mark 4:41

Read Mark 4:26-41 thoughtfully in prayer. Share something that spoke to you from these verses.

PARABLE OF THE GROWING SEED

1. Jesus is describing the Kingdom of God as a man sowing seed. From the parable of the soils the “seed” is the _____ of _____ (v.26).
2. The Word of God has a hidden and mysterious power like a seed; explain what begins to happen when the Word is sown into the heart of a person (vv.27-28).

3. Jesus takes His Word as a seed, buries that seed in our hearts, and causes it to grow into something glorious. Take note of Isaiah 42:3 and Zechariah 4:10. How are you encouraged?
4. What is the result when the grain is ready (v.29)?

PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED (Mark 4:30-34)

5. Jesus continues to give a picture of the Kingdom of God with another parable. What kind of seed is sown? Describe this seed.

6. How does Jesus use this parable to explain that although the Church has very small beginnings, it would grow into a worldwide community of believers? What do the birds represent (v.32)? (See Mark 4:15b)

DID YOU KNOW?

The growth of the Kingdom will not result in the conversion of the world. In fact, some of the growth will give opportunity for Satan to get in and go to work.

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7. Jesus taught those who would hear Him with parables. How did Jesus intimately explain truth to His disciples (vv.33-34)?
8. How often do you get alone with Jesus so He can explain all things you might not understand at first hearing? What hinders you from that time of being alone with our Savior? Can you make it a point today to change that?

A STORM AT SEA

9. Jesus taught all day and, as evening came, they left the multitudes. What instructions did He tell the disciples? Who did the disciples take with them in the boat (vv.35-36)?

10. Why were these experienced fishermen in a panic? Where was Jesus? During the panic of the disciples, what did they accuse Jesus of (vv.37-38)?

11. How did Jesus calm the fears of His disciples? What did He say to the storm? What was the immediate result (v.39)?

12. How did Jesus use this storm to teach His disciples a lesson on not to fear but to have faith (v.40)?

13. What did the disciples learn about the power of Jesus (v.41)?

14. What recent storm have you been suddenly thrown into? How did you react? What did you learn about the Power of Jesus?

DWELL ON THIS

The disciples panicked and became fearful when they experienced the storm right before their eyes. We are no different when faced with a sudden circumstance in our lives that threaten our faith. At times such as these we have a choice to fear and to panic and assume that Jesus is asleep and does not care, or we can resist the fear by putting our trust in Jesus, because He is close with us in our boat ready to help us. “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him (v.41)?”

