



— THE GOSPEL OF —  
**MARK**  
— SUFFERING SERVANT & SON OF GOD —

# Mark 4:21-35



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**Just the facts**

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First Century Oil Lamp

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What do you think this was used for?

# Mark 4:21-25



## 1. Parable about Light

1. Function
2. Effects
3. Cost
4. Source

## 2. If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen...

1. Caution
2. Counsel
3. Clarification



# Mark 4:21-25

“You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (CSB)



# Mark 4:21-25

John was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

John 5:35 (CSB)



# Tim's interpretation

Are there times you “dim” your light? What causes this to happen?



# Tim's interpretation

**My raw and uncut statement:**  
Christ has saved us for a reason,  
don't reject the light He has given  
you. A lamp under the table or  
under a cover of any kind is  
useless. We will be held  
accountable for our disobedience.  
We will be blessed for obedience.



# Mark 4:26-29



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# Mark 4:26-29



The farmer is back

1. The farmer plants
  1. Faith
  2. Patience
2. God does His part
3. The farmer harvest



# Mark 4:30-32



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# Mark 4:30-32



The size of a Mustard Seed

# Mark 4:30-32

The Kingdom of Heaven is like...



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The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

What do you think it was like being in the crowd and hearing this? What do you think were some of the thought rushing through their minds?



# Mark 4:30-32



The Kingdom of Heaven is like

i. Small Things Grow

1. Jesus started with 12
2. The Church grew to 500
3. Exploded to 5,000 at Pentecost
4. Has continued to grow and brought with it things the early church could not imagine



# Mark 4:30-32



Everywhere the Kingdom has gone it has brought with it:

- Hospitals
- Schools
- Truth
- Morality
- Ethics
- Decency
- Compassion
- Salvation



# Mark 4:30-32



Wherever the Gospel has gone it has abolished:

- Cannibalism
- Child sacrifice
- The immolation of widows
- Polygamy
- Demonism
- Slavery



# Mark 4:30-32



Wherever the Gospel has gone “it has built orphanages, asylums, cared for the sick, comforted the bereaved, and helped the infirmed.”

John Phillips



# Mark 4:30-32

“...so that the birds of the sky can nest in its shade.”

Mark 4:32b



# Mark 4:30-32



“...so that the birds of the sky can nest in its shade.”

Mark 4:32b

Thought on this statement?

Wheat and Tare

Goats and Sheep

Or...



# Mark 4:30-32



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Mark 4:32b

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Or...even lost people will be blessed by the “shade” of the Kingdom of God.



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1. Jesus engaged people where they were
2. Jesus continued to the conversation with the Disciples



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1. Jesus continued to the conversation with the Disciples

a. How is your quiet time?

b. The value of a small group, LBS

c. Are you seeking Christ with other men....even more intentional apart from Warrior's Heart?

i. Do you have accountability

ii. Biblical community

iii. Are your closest relationships godly? Is the Golf Course one set of buddies and your bible study group another?

iv. "How is your heart?" Granger Smith



# Questions



1. When you think about Light, who is someone that comes to mind? Jesus uses John the Baptist as an example in John 5:35
2. Are there times you “dim” your light? What causes this to happen?
3. Do you ever feel the oil has run dry? What do you do? Who or what is your source?
4. Do you have intentional godly friendship
5. How are you involved in expanding the Kingdom

