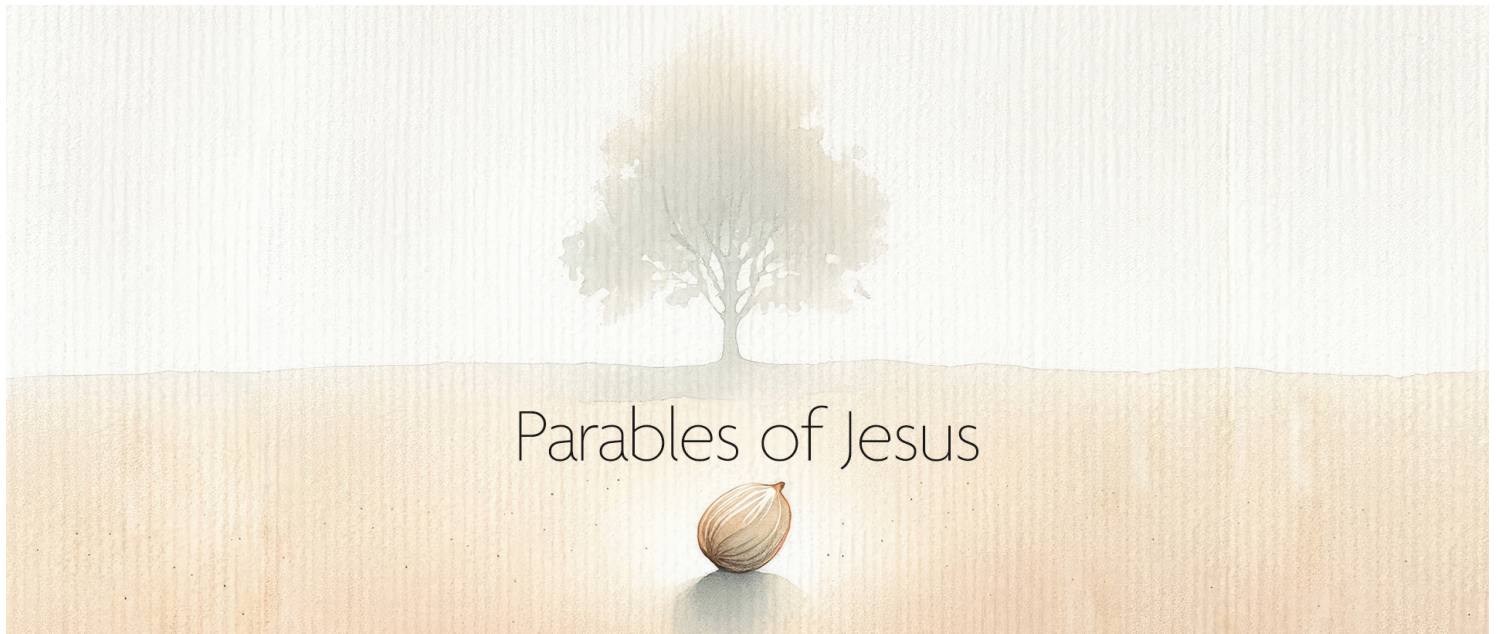




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READ

Read Mark 4:1-20 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- Parables could be defined as stories from everyday life that illustrate and/or conceal spiritual truth. How does Jesus use the parables to illustrate spiritual truth? How/why does he use them to conceal spiritual truth?
- Read Isaiah 6:8-13. How does the context of this passage inform our understanding of Jesus' citation in Mark 4:12? (Consider also Isaiah 5:1-7.)
- "Secret" or "mystery" in verse 11 refers to something that must be revealed, not necessarily something hard to understand. How does this help our understanding of Jesus' point in verses 11-13?
- There are ultimately two different kinds of soils: those that bear fruit and those that don't. What is Jesus' main point in this parable?
- Consider how the parable ends. What does this parable emphasize about the nature of the kingdom?

APPLY

- What does it mean for someone to be "good soil" today? How does this passage inform the way we should live?
- Do you see any of the three unproductive soils as especially prevalent in our culture?
- How does this parable encourage and inform us in our evangelism?
- This passage teaches the unstoppable growth of the Kingdom of God through Christ. How does this confidence in God shape the way we live?

PRAY

- Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.

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