

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Servant KING



And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching:

“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it.

Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away.

And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

And He said to them, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

4:1-9

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POINT

Christians are called to live under a different set of values which are intended to impact the world around us.

Enemy-occupied territory --- that is what this world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say in disguise, and is calling us to take part in a great campaign of sabotage.

C.S. Lewis



The Parables

- The parable of the soils
- The parable of the lamp
- The parable of the mustard seed

The Parable of Soils

- The seed is the Word of God
- The soil - the wayside, the stony ground, the thorny ground, & the good ground.

The Parables

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Advancing the Kingdom of God

- Hear/receive
- Share in word and deed
- Be faithful and aware

“Listen!”

- Place & Posture

So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. - James 1:21-22 NLT

Share...

- Sow into the lives of others.
- What is dimming your light?

Be Faithful and Aware

- Don't let up or look back.
- Know Satan will try to destroy and deceive you.

John Calvin said it is the task of the church to make the invisible kingdom visible. We do that by living in such a way that we bear witness to the reality of the kingship of Christ in our jobs, our families, our schools, and even our checkbooks, because God in Christ is King over every one of these spheres of life. The only way the kingdom of God is going to be manifest in this world before Christ comes is if we manifest it by the way we live as citizens of heaven and subjects of the King.

RC Sproul

