

The Gospel According to Mark

The Servant's Attends His People: Galilee and Beyond (1:14-8:26) (Part 23)

Jesus' Ministry Opposed (2:14-5:43)

Part 14: The Confirmation of the King and the Kingdom (3:7-5:43) (J)

The Mystery of the Kingdom of God (4:1-34)

Part 5: The Parable of the Seed (4:26-29)

The Sovereignty of God

- The Underlying Point in the Parables
- A Working Definition
- God Controls All Events
- God Controls the Time of All Events

2. The Confirmation of the King and the Kingdom (3:7-5:43)

- a. The Identity of the King's Authentic Followers (3:7-35)
- b. The Instructions for the King's Authentic Followers (4:1-34)
 - 1) The Expanded Setting (4:1-2, 10-12, 21-25, 33-34)
 - 2) The Parable of the Sower and the Soils (4:1-9, 13-25)
 - 3) The Parable of the Seed (4:26-29)
 - a) Agriculture: The Setting Involved in the Parable (4:26)
 - (1) The Physical Setting (4:26b)
 - (2) The Spiritual Setting (4:26a)
 - b) Agricultural Growth: The Emphasis of the Parable (27-28)
 - (1) The Growth Overviewed (4:27)
 - (2) The Growth Expanded (4:28)
 - (a) The Growth is Independent of Man
 - by itself *automate*
 - (b) The Growth is Unabated
 - (c) The Growth Process is the Same
 - c) Agricultural Harvest: The End of the Parable (4:29)
 - (1) The Physical Harvest (4:29)
 - permitsto hand over, hand down, entrust, or commend
 - (2) The Spiritual Harvest