## Mark 4

- I. Jesus teaches by the sea side. Vs. 1
  - A. A great multitude gathered around Jesus. Vs. 1
  - B. Jesus taught them as he was sitting in a ship next to the shore. Vs. 1-2
  - C. Jesus taught many things by parables. Vs. 2
- II. The parable of the sower. Vs. 3-20
  - A. A sower went out to sow. Vs. 3
  - B. Some seed fell by the way side. Vs. 4
    - 1. The fowls of the air devoured them. Vs. 4
  - C. Some seed fell on stony ground. Vs. 5
    - 1. There was no depth when the seed grew. Vs. 5
    - 2. It withered away as the sun came up. Vs. 6
  - D. Some seed fell among thorns. Vs. 7
    - 1. The thorns choked the seed, and it yielded no fruit. Vs. 7
  - E. Some seed fell on good ground. Vs. 8
    - 1. The seed increased and produced thirty, sixty and a hundred fold. Vs. 8
  - F. "And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Vs. 9
  - G. The twelve apostles with a few others asked Jesus about this parable. Vs. 10
  - H. The mysteries of the kingdom of God are taught in parables. Vs. 11
    - 1. That the mystery might be hidden from the lost. Vs. 12
  - I. You must think spiritually, or you will not know any of the parables. Vs. 13
  - J. The interpretation of the parable of the sower. Vs. 14-20
    - 1. The seed is the Word of God. Vs. 14
    - 2. The way side are those that hear. 15
      - a. Satan immediately removes the word when they do not believe. Vs. 15
    - 3. The stony ground are those who hear and receive the word with gladness. Vs. 16
      - a. They are offended by affliction or persecution because they have no root. Vs. 17

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- 4. The thorns are those who hear and are unfruitful. Vs. 18-19
  - a. They do not grow spiritually because of worldly desires. Vs. 19
- 5. The good ground are those who hear, receive and believe the word. Vs. 20
  - a. They are fruitful. Vs. 20

(What type of ground are you?)

- III. A candle under a bushel. Vs. 21
- IV. You are responsible for what you hear. Vs. 22-25
- V. The parable of the seed. Vs. 26-29
  - A. The results of planting and harvesting are done by faith. Vs. 27
- VI. The parable of the mustard seed. Vs. 30-32
  - A. Compared to the kingdom of God. Vs. 30
  - B. Smallest of seed, but produces a large growth. Vs. 31-32
- VII. Jesus' use of parables. Vs. 33-34
- VIII. Jesus quiets the sea. Vs. 35-41
  - A. They sent the multitude away as they entered into ships to go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Vs. 35-36
  - B. A great storm arose as the ships crossed the Sea of Galilee. Vs. 37
  - C. Jesus was asleep on a pillow in one of the ships. Vs. 38
  - D. They woke Jesus and asked, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?"
  - E. Jesus arose and rebuked the wind. Vs. 39
  - F. "And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" Vs. 40
  - G. They were afraid. Vs. 41

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