

Mark 4:21-41

LW – Multitude vs. Those around/12; Those who hear, see,... vs. Those/Don't; Four types of Soil

* Goal of Sower – 1) Bring forth Life 2) Bring forth fruit!

V21-23

* What is the intended purpose for a Lamp? To be put under a basket, or under a bed? No – Set on a Lampstand

* To expose things concealed by the Dark!

* Transitioned from Word being Seed to Word Being Light

John 1:1-3 ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 8:12 ¹²Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

V24-25

* Take Heed – Going to use this Gk word 6 times in Mk 13 when disciples ask about end times, trib, return

* Personal Challenge! – "You" Four Times!

* Whoever has/more given; whoever does not have; what he has will be taken away

Luke 8:18 even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

V26-29

* Parable to explain "The Kingdom of God"

* Man scatters seed on the ground, Sleep by night and rise by day, Seed sprouts/grow

* He doesn't know how – Important thing is IT DOES!

* There is no short cut – as the farmer waits for the process – Sow, Sun, Rain, Time, Tending, Weeding,

* Produces fruit – 1st Internally, within itself, below the soil, before any one can even see any difference

* 2nd Externally – How we think, how we process, how we act – From unholy to holiness

* "This is basically the principle of our whole ministry at Calvary Chapel, just the teaching of the word of God, the planting of the seed, and in time, time goes by, the seed begins to bring forth fruit, you look around and say, "Look isn't this glorious?!" Well this is just the result of planting and continuing to plant the word of God in the hearts of people." Pastor Chuck

* Puts sickle to it, because its Harvest Time – Jesus will come and gather His harvest into barn, burn tares

V30-32

* Parable to explain "The Kingdom of God" - Mustard seed – Sown on the Ground

* Smaller than all the other seeds (Kingdoms of...) - Becomes larger than all others

* So that birds of the air may nest under its shade - From Parable/Sower – Birds = Satan/Evil

* Matt 13 – connected to parable dough/little leaven/leavens the whole batch – Leaven = Sin

Mark 8:15 ¹⁵Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 ⁶Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

⁷Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. ⁸Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Matthew 24:24 ²⁴For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

2 Peter 2:1-2 ¹But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. ²And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

V33-34

* When they were alone, He explained ALL things to His Disciples

* "I don't get it!?" Don't worry – you will! What a promise!!!

V35-41

1. What did Jesus say? "Let us go over to the other side"

2. Left the multitude – they did not get to ginosko (personal experience) this experience/miracle with Jesus

3. Great windstorm arose, beat into the boat, so that it was already filling

4. Jesus in the stern(back) of boat sleeping – speaks of peace from knowing the outcome! Vs. Losing Sleep!

5. They awoke him and said, Don't you care we are perishing!

* The boat was already filling, these were seasoned fishermen, they're coming to Jesus, and say...

* Reasonable – In their situation, to cry this out to him..But what is the Answer? Of course HE CARES!

6. Notice He says nothing...goes up on deck, rebukes the wind & speaks to the wind

* The wind ceased; sea calmed – Shown Himself authority, teaching, healing, spiritual realm, now – Creation!

7. Says two things to them: 1) Why are you so fearful? 2) Why is it that you have no Faith?

* Listening to teaching – Having faith in theory is one thing – Now this is putting Faith to the test!!!

* They were so full of Fear their was no room for Faith!

8. Feared Exceedingly, said to one another, Who can this be...

* One of the biggest mistakes man can make – reason among themselves!

* Jesus is the Word, He has the answers, He has the power, He is our solution, He

Communion

* Jesus is the Light, Let His Light shine in our hearts and through our lives

* God's word is the seed – let it accomplish what He wants it to 1st in our own hearts/lives, 2nd – To others

* The Worldwide church is not the model of perfection – Jesus is the model of perfection

* Jesus DOES CARE that we are perishing – If we will put our faith in Him, HE will call the wind/waves

John 3:16 ¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Closing

* Stay in the Light, Stay in the Word, Believe in Him, and we shall never perish!