

A Mysterious Kingdom

MK 4:1-34

INTRODUCTION:

What is the kingdom of God?



☛ The Kingdom of God is an advancing,
_____ kingdom. (*for now*)

1. Jesus was teaching them many things in _____. (4:2)

- “And he said to them...” (4:11, 21, 24, 26, 30)
- “the Kingdom of God is like...” (4:10, 26, 30)
- He wanted them to _____ about the Kingdom of God. → _____

PARABLE 1: A _____ went out to sow. (4:1-9 + 4:13-20)(MT 13:1-9, 18-23; LK 8:4-8, 11-15)

- Any time God’s word is heard by _____ hearts, it has an amazing effect.

PARABLE 2: A _____ has come to illuminate. (4:21-22)(MT 5:14-16; LK 8:16-18; 11:33-36)

- Jesus has come to _____ the secret conditions of each heart.

PARABLE 3: A _____ is filled or will be removed. (4:23-25)(LK 8:18; c.LK 6:37-38/MT 7:2)

- Jesus _____ more to those who are looking for more.

PARABLE 4: A _____ went to sleep after sowing. (4:26-29)(unique to MARK!)

- Jesus *alone* _____ the growth of the Kingdom of God.

PARABLE 5: A mustard seed became a _____. (4:30-32)(MT 13:31-33; LK 13:18-19)

- The Kingdom of God will _____ bigger than it’s beginning.
- The Kingdom of God will _____ those whom it shades.

CONCLUSION:

☛ Strengthen your _____ proficiency and practice so that you might understand the Kingdom of God.

- Prepare and protect your “good soil” _____.
- _____ the parables and be exposed by them.
- Take care “how you hear” by enlarging your _____ expectancy and potential.
- Leave the spiritual _____ with God.
- Let a “Kingdom shadow” bring _____ to your neighbors.