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Mark was the son of a wealthy family in Jerusalem, he was a cousin of Barnabas, who traveled with Paul. Since earliest times it was understood Peter was the primary source of information for this gospel. With the authority of Peter as its foundation, the writing of Mark, was never questioned to be included as canonical. His writing emphasizes more about what Jesus did then what He said.



Parables of the Kingdom, The Sower,

¹ And He began again to teach along the shoreline: and there gathered to Him a great multitude, so that He had to enter a boat sitting in the sea; and the whole multitude was along the shoreline on land.

² And He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching,

³ Listen; pay attention, there went out a sower to sow:

⁴ And it happened, as he sowed, some seed fell by the side of the street, and the fowls of the air came and ate it up.

⁵ And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

⁶ But when the sun arose, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

⁸ And other seed fell on good ground, and yielded fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold.

⁹ And He said to them, He who has ears to hear, let him hear.



¹⁰ **And when He was alone, those who were around Him with the Twelve asked Him about the parable.**

¹¹ And He said to them, To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but to those who are outside, all these things are done in parables:

¹² that seeing they may see, and yet not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and yet not understand; lest at any time they should turn, and their sins be forgiven.

¹³ And He asked them, **Do you not know this parable? then how will you know any of the parables?**

So Jesus starts at the basics,

¹⁴ **The sower sows the word.**

¹⁵ And these are they by the street side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan comes immediately, and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.



¹⁶ And likewise these are they who are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

¹⁷ and have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they stumble.

¹⁸ And these are they who are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,

¹⁹ and the **cares** of this world, and the **deceitfulness** of riches, and the **strong desires** of other things enter in, choke the word, and it becomes fruitless.

²⁰ And these are they who are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold.

²¹ And He asked them, Is a candle to be put under a bushel container, or under a bed? or to be set on a lampstand?

²² Because nothing is hid, that will not be revealed; and nothing is secret, that will not come to the light.

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²³ If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.

²⁴ And He said to them, Take heed what you listen to: because how you measure others, it will be measured to you: and more will be added to you.

²⁵ For he who has, to him more will be given: and he who does not have much, even what he has will be taken from him.



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