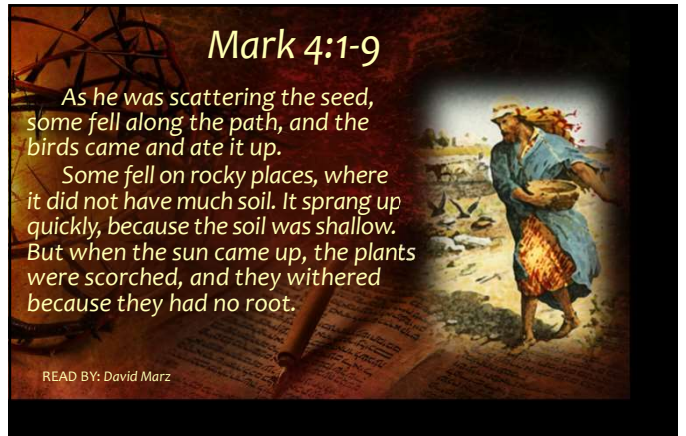
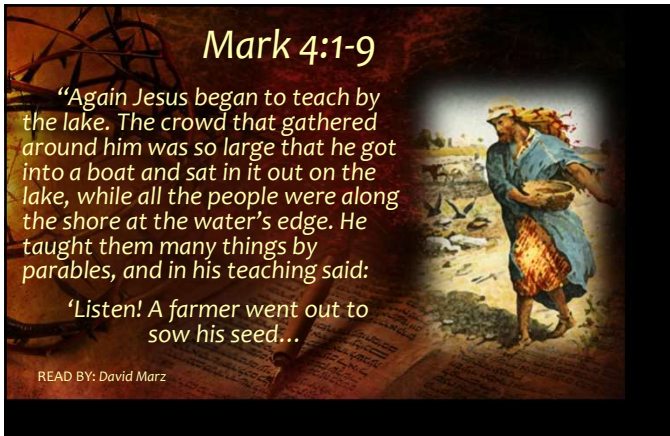
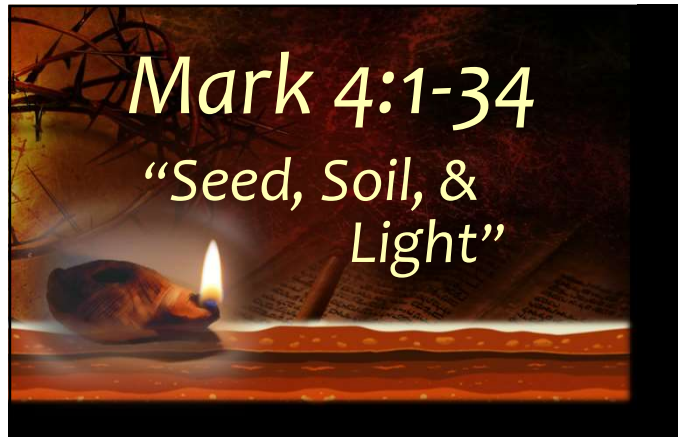



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Mark 4:1-9

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.' Then Jesus said, 'Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.'



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Mark 1:14-15

"After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come... the kingdom of God has come near...'"

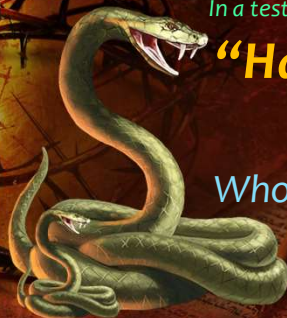
Galatians 4:1-4 - "The fullness of time!"

In the Garden of Eden, the first Adam...
In a test of submission...

"Hath God said?"
Genesis 3:1

Whose words?
Who sits on the throne?

**Defeat! Loss!
Cast out!**



Now, in the wilderness, the 2nd Adam...

"It is written!"
Luke 4:1-13

Yes! In fact, God HATH said!
The conflict of the ages was underway!

God's "Word" is exalted!
John 1:1

"After John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God..."
Mark 1:15

compare: "Gospel of Jesus the Messiah" - 1:1

God's "Word" is exalted!
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"Jesus came preaching..."

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1) to be a herald, to officiate as a herald
1a) to proclaim after the manner of a herald
1b) always with the suggestion of formality, gravity and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed
2) to publish, proclaim openly - something which has been done
3) used of the public proclamation of the gospel and matters pertaining to it, made by John the Baptist, by Jesus, by the apostles and other Christian teachers

"So faith comes from hearing..."
Romans 10:17

God's "Word" is exalted!
 John 1:1

"Jesus came preaching..."

The time is fulfilled,
 and the kingdom of God is at hand..."
 Mark 1:14-15

Kingdom of God

- Royal power, kingship, dominion, rule.
- The right or authority to rule over a kingdom.
- Desires, purposes & will – accomplished!

The realm & period
 in which God's
 sovereign kingdom of God
 are fully established
 & unchallenged!

The time is fulfilled!

Isaiah

"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan -

The people walking in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned...

For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders.

Matthew 4:13-16
 Isaiah 9:1-6
 "Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali - to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah..."

Map of Ancient Galilee

The map shows the geographical context of Galilee, including the Mediterranean Sea to the west, the Sea of Galilee to the east, and the regions of Galilee, Naphtali, Zebulun, Samaria, and Decapolis.

Mark 1:14-28


As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee...

"Light is sown like
 seed for the
 righteous,
 And gladness for the
 upright in heart."
 Psalm 97:11 (NASB)

Mark 1:14 – "He came into Galilee preaching the Gospel of God..."

Mark 1:21
 Mark 1:27
 Mark 1:38
 Mark 2:2
Mark 3:13-15

Mark 4:1
 "Again Jesus began to teach by the lake..."



Mark 4:2
 "He taught them many things by parables..."
 v33 - "With many such parables He was teaching them..."

"Parable"...
 "a comparing together" or "laying one thing aside another"


A story or saying that relays a message through comparison or a parallel.



Mark 4:2
 "He taught them many things by parables..."
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"Parable"...

A way of teaching a spiritual truth using a commonplace, down-to-earth story or illustration.



Mark 4:2
 "He taught them many things by parables..."

Jesus' use of parables:
 to conceal and reveal

Nearly all of Jesus' parables reveal truths about "the kingdom of God."

See: Isaiah 6:9-10



Mark 4:3

"Listen!.."
"Hear!.."

Woven throughout!



Mark 4:3

"Listen!.."
"Hear!.."

To perceive the message and receive (embrace) it so as to allow the intended effect



"The farmer sows the word!" (v14)
See also: 2 Corinthians 9:10

**By the path,
Hard!**

Rocky!

Thorns!

Good!

"It's about the soil!"

**By the path,
Hard!**

**Satan!
v15**

v 3-4

Hard! Unreceptive! Nothing can grow!
The seed just lays on top and so the birds swooped down and ate it up.

**By the path,
Hard!**

Rocky!

v 5-6

Quickly rooted but no depth!
Just had a thin skin of earth resting on top of an underlying shelf of limestone rock.

**Persecution!
Trouble! v17**

**By the path,
Hard!**

Rocky!

**Thorns!
No fruitfulness!**

v 7

Growing but choked!
The initial life is overwhelmed by the competing "weeds!"

**By the path,
Hard!**

Rocky!

Thorns!

Good!
30, 60, 100x fruitfulness!

"The farmer sows the word!" (v14)

**By the path,
Hard!**

Rocky!

Thorns!


Good!

"It's about the soil!"

"It's all about the FRUIT!"

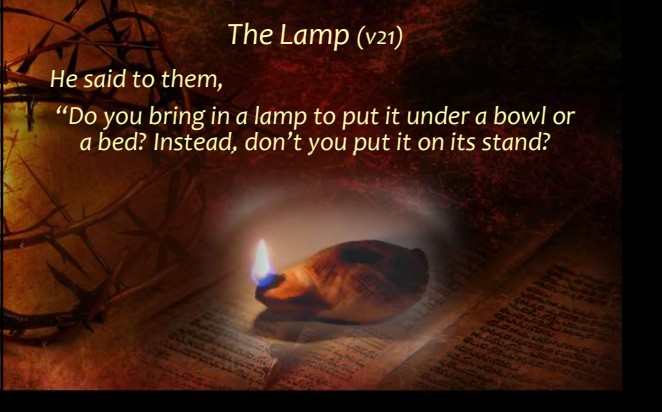
The Parable of the Mustard Seed (v30-32)

Again he said,
 “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”



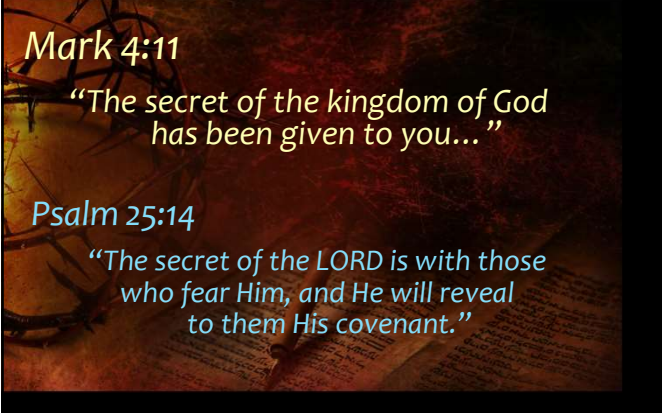
The Lamp (v21)

He said to them,
 “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand?”




Mark 4:11
 “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you...”

Psalms 25:14
 “The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, and He will reveal to them His covenant.”



If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear...
 (v9, 23)

Consider carefully what you hear! (v24)



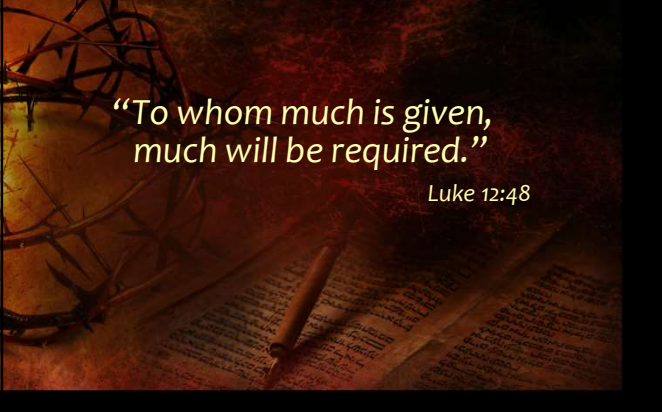
“Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16



“To whom much is given, much will be required.”

Luke 12:48

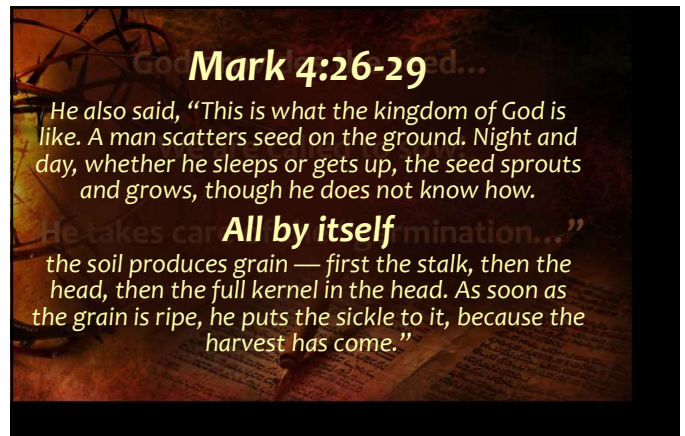




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We are called to sow!

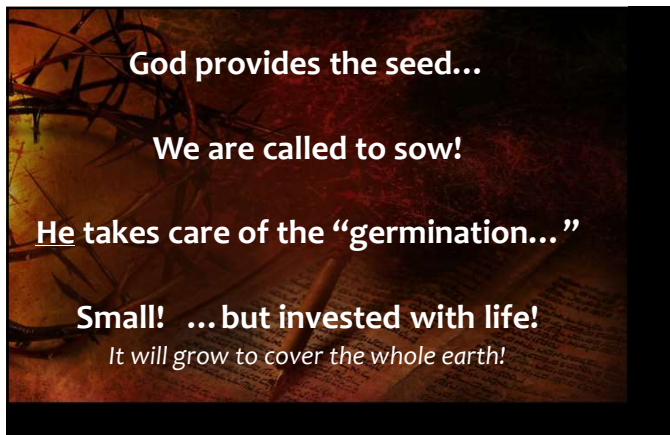
He takes care of the “germination...”



God provides the seed... **Mark 4:26-29**

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

He takes care of the “germination...” **All by itself** the soil produces grain — first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

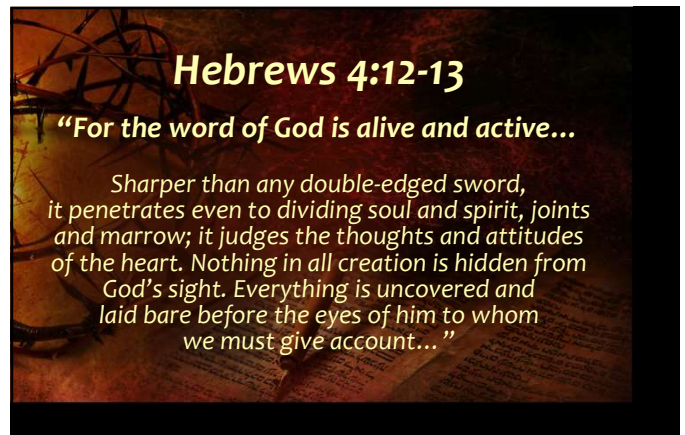


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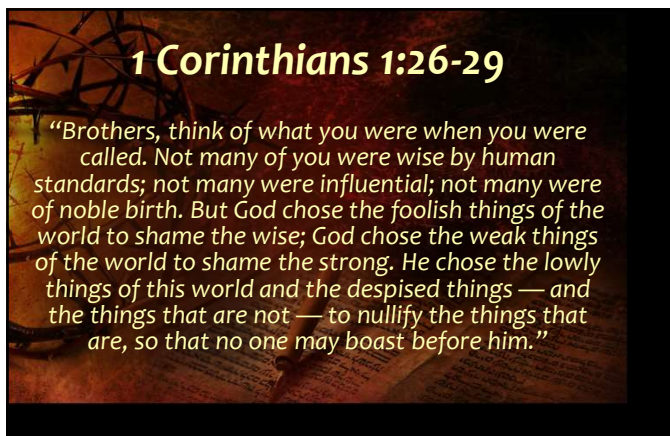
He takes care of the “germination...”

Small! ...but invested with life!
It will grow to cover the whole earth!



Hebrews 4:12-13

“For the word of God is alive and active...
Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account...”



1 Corinthians 1:26-29

“Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things — and the things that are not — to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.”




John 12:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless the seed of wheat having fallen to the earth dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.”



“Seeing a fig tree by the road, Jesus went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he cursed it, saying: ‘May you never bear fruit again!’ Immediately the tree withered.”

Matthew 21:19

A photograph of Jesus, wearing a white robe and a head covering, holding a small green fig branch. The background shows a landscape with buildings and a bright sky.

Hard! **Thorny!**

“Which soil are you?”

Rocky! **Good!**

“You will recognize them by their fruit!” Matthew 7:16

A collage of four images representing different soil types: a gravelly road labeled 'Hard!', a thicket of dry brush labeled 'Thorny!', a rocky ground labeled 'Rocky!', and hands holding a small green seedling in soil labeled 'Good!'.