

# MARK

THE SERVANT'S GOSPEL



**Lesson Four**  
**Mark 4:1-5:20**

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1. Explain the parable of the sower. What does the seed represent? What do the different soil types represent? What is the application?
  - The seed is the word (Mk 4:14)

# Mark 4:1-20

Wayside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They hear the word but reject it</li></ul>
Stony ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They hear the word and receive it</li><li>• They stumble when tribulations and persecutions arise for the word's sake</li></ul>
Thorny ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They hear the word and receive it</li><li>• They become unfruitful due to concerns and cares of the world and desires for other things</li></ul>
Good ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They hear the word and receive it</li><li>• They bear fruit</li></ul>

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2. Why did Jesus use parables to teach the people?
  - It was not given to them to know the mysteries of the kingdom
  - They were blind and deaf to the truth of the message of His kingdom due to the hardness of their hearts

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3. Why does Jesus explain the parable of the soils in more detail to the apostles?
  - It was given to them to understand the mysteries of the kingdom of God
  - Without understanding this parable, they would not be able to understand the other parables

# Mark 4:21-25

4. Explain the parable of the lamp.
  - The message, which was now hidden, would one day be revealed openly

# Mark 4:26-29

5. Explain the parable of the growing seed.
  - The gospel, when it sprouts and grows in our hearts, produces fruits of righteousness
  - This growth may not be initially seen, but occurs by the power of God
  - When the time of growth is completed, the harvest will come

# Mark 4:30-34

6. Explain the parable of the mustard seed.
  - The kingdom of God will have small beginnings but will show expansive growth



# Mark 4:35-41

7. Contrast the scene on the Sea of Galilee before and after Jesus calmed the storm. What effect did this miracle have on the apostles?

# Mark 4:35-41

<b>Before the calming of the sea</b>	<b>After the calming of the sea</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chaos</li><li>• Fear</li><li>• Darkness</li><li>• Death</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tranquility</li><li>• Peace</li><li>• Safety</li></ul>

“And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, ‘Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!’” (Mk 4:41, NKJV)

# Mark 5:1-20

8. Did the demons believe in Jesus? If so, what response did this faith produce?
- Yes!
  - This belief resulted in fear and trembling (cf. James 2:19)

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9. What was the response of the demon-possessed man after the demons were excised? How did the people in the area respond?
- The man asked to be with Jesus
  - The people asked Jesus to leave the area

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10. What can we learn from Jesus about being a servant in these passages?