

WELCOME!
Men's Fellowship Breakfast



October 18, 2019

Message and Structure of Mark:

The Gospel of Mark shows us how to serve and suffer like our Savior.

I. Jesus came to serve (Mark 1-11).

II. Jesus came to suffer (Mark 12-16).

Mark 10:45

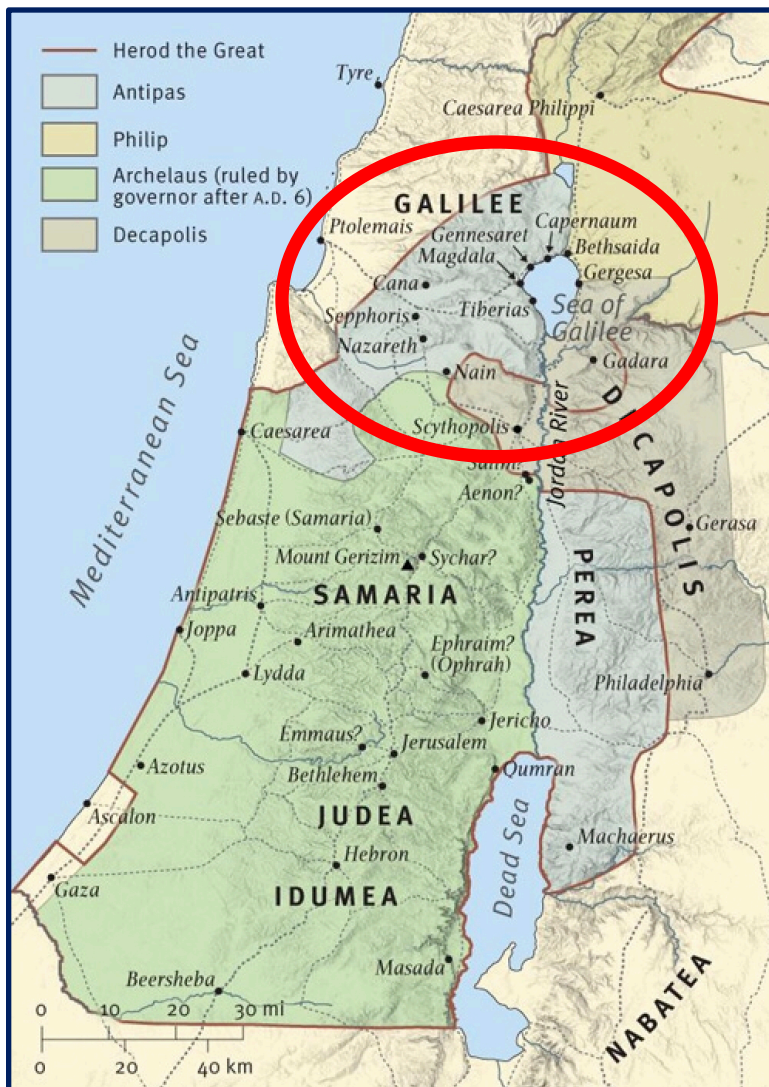
“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



#7 – Mark 4:21-41

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Context for Mark 4:21-41:



- Jesus continues ministering in **Galilee** (Northern Israel).
- His main goal wasn't *performing miracles*, but *preaching the message* of the gospel.
- Jesus is teaching in parables (lit. “throw alongside”)
- ***Mark 4:2-3, 9**
- “hear/listen” = 13x in Mark 4

Outline of Mark 4:21-41:

- 1) Listen to the Lessons! (4:21-25)**
- 2) Lessons from the Growing Seed (4:26-29)**
- 3) Lessons from the Mustard Seed (4:30-34)**
- 4) Lessons from the Stormy Sea (4:35-41)**



1) Listen to the Lessons! (Mark 4:21-25)

“If a disciple pays attention to and assimilates the revelation God has given, God will increase his or her capacity to understand and appropriate more revelation. However, this principle works the other way too. The person who does not use his or her ability to understand and respond to God’s revelation appropriately loses that ability. The disciples needed to use their understanding of Jesus and the kingdom by proclaiming the gospel or they would lose their ability and their understanding. This is a call for disciples to continue growing.”

- Tom Constable

1) Listen to the Lessons! (Mark 4:21-25)

Key Idea: Hearing and obeying Jesus' kingdom message is vitally important.

2) Lessons from the Growing Seed (Mark 4:26-29)

Key Idea: God is in ultimate control of the expansion of His kingdom.

3) Lessons from the Mustard Seed (Mark 4:30-34)



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Ezekiel 17:22-24

“Thus says the LORD God: ‘I myself will take a **sprig** from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.’”

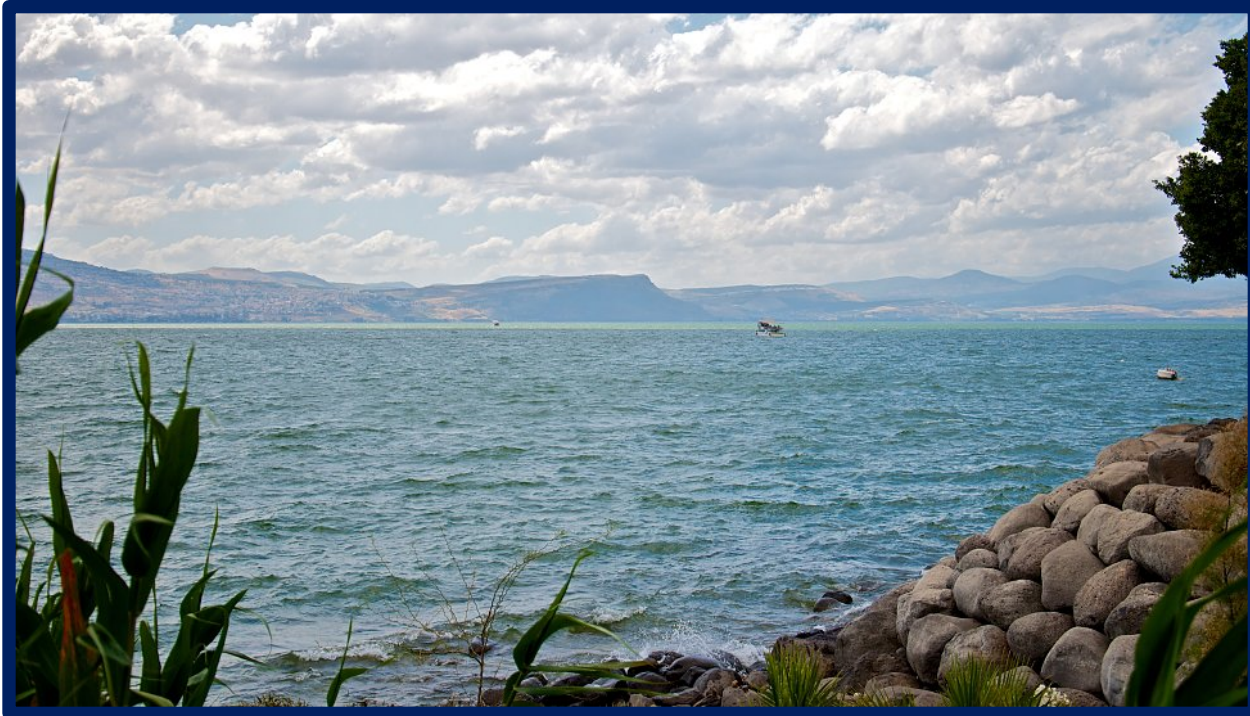
3) Lessons from the Mustard Seed (Mark 4:30-34)

Key Idea: God's kingdom grows exponentially to have great, eternal impact.

“The example of the mustard seed should prevent us from judging the significance of results by the size of the beginnings.”

- **Dennis Nineham**

4) Lessons from the Stormy Sea (Mark 4:35-41)



Sea of Galilee



4) Lessons from the Stormy Sea (Mark 4:35-41)

“The atmosphere, for the most part, hangs still and heavy, but the cold currents, as they pass from the west, are sucked down in vortices of air, or by the narrow gorges that break upon the lake. Then arise those sudden storms for which the region is notorious.”

- **G.A. Smith, *The Historical Geography of the Holy Land***

4) Lessons from the Stormy Sea (Mark 4:35-41)



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Psalm 107:28-30

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

4) Lessons from the Stormy Sea (Mark 4:35-41)

Key Idea: Jesus is the Almighty, sovereign Lord of all creation.

Concluding Question: If the Sea of Galilee had “ears to hear”
Almighty Jesus, will you?

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Next Week: Mark 5:1-20



Table Discussion

How can we improve our “hearing” of God’s kingdom truth in our lives?



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