



Gospel of Mark

The Mystery of the Seed

Mark 4:26-41

- I. **Introduction:** A Review of the “Parable of the Sower”
- Point:** God wants us to understand the “*mysteries*” of the Kingdom! Verse 11
 - Import:** Understanding the “Parable of the Sower” will **unlock** all the parables of the Word: Verse 13
 - Focus:** The “**Seed**” – The Word of God is the central focus of the parable, not the types of soil: Verses 15,16,18,20
 - Exhortation:** Mark 4:24
 - Three Simple Observations** About Sowing:
 - You have to **Plow** before you sow: God calls us to **repentance** and **prayer**.
 - You have to **Keep Sowing**: God **never** stops sowing the seed of His Word! Verse 14
 - You have to **Water** the seed: God does this through His **love**!
- II. The Mystery Of The Seed: **How Does Faith Grow?**
- Faith Is A Work** _____:
 - Verses 26-27
 - John 3:7-8; Ephesians 2:8-9
 - The **Power** of the Seed...Is in the _____!
Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12
 - Faith Works In** _____ - **Not Ours!**
 - Verses 28-29
 - Some simple observations:
 - God’s Grace is _____!

- Everything in life has its’ _____!
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2ff
- The farmer cannot _____ the process!

- C. **Faith Is Not Always What It _____!**
- Verses 30-34
 - A closer look at this parable:
 - This parable is grouped with three other parables in Matthew 13:24-43 that shed some light on its’ meaning.
 - All three of the parables deal with aspects of the _____ kingdom –verses- the true _____ kingdom.
 - In all three parables there are key elements that refer to _____.
 - Application:**
 - Today we worship at the altar of _____.
We have taken a **gift** and made it a _____.
 - Faith has become a _____. If you only “_____” you would have received.
 - We have taken the _____ away from God and given it to man: Isaiah 42:8; I Corinthians 1:26-31

III. Conclusion: How does this impact our daily lives?

- Every day we will face _____ that require faith: Mark 4:35-37
 - Every day we will face _____ on what faith we will rely on:
 - _____ : Mark 4:38
 - _____ : Mark 4:39-41
- Galatians 2:19-21:** “...and the life that I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith _____ the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave Himself for me...” (KJV)