

09. Mark 3:7 – 4:34



BOOK ONE

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

PART ONE : GOD'S HEALING & LIBERATING WORD

Mark 1:14 - 3:6 (see 03 to 08)



PART TWO : GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

09 & 10. Mark 3:7 - 6:6a

Mark 3:7-8

Jesus departed with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him; hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon.



Opposition can't stop the Word : Mark 3:9-12

He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to **touch** him.

Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, “You are the Son of God!” (compare paralysed man, 1:24 ‘Holy One of God’)

But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

(compare man with scaly skin, 1:43)

Jesus appoints the Twelve : Mark 3:13-19

Jesus goes up the mountain and calls to him
those whom he wanted, and they came to him.
And he appointed **twelve**, whom he also named apostles,
(restored Israel)

to be with him,

**and to be sent out to proclaim the message,
and to have authority to cast out demons.**

Jesus appoints the Twelve : Mark 3:13-19

So he appointed the twelve:

Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);

James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder);

and Andrew, (see call 1:16-20)

Philip, and Bartholomew,

Matthew, and Thomas,

James son of Alphaeus (see Levi son of Alphaeus, 2:14), and Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who handed him over.

‘the man from Kerioth’?

yaskar yotê : he who hands over/betrays?

Jesus' family : Mark 3:20-21

Then Jesus goes home; and the crowd comes together again, so that they could not even eat.

When **his family** heard it, they went out to restrain him, for they were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”

Psalm 69:8

‘I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother’s children.’

Mark 3:22

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”

‘Ahaziah had fallen through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay injured; so he sent messengers, telling them, “Go, inquire of Baal-zebub (Zubulu of a Canaanite epic), the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury.”(2 Kings 1:2)

‘Do not turn to mediums or wizards; do not seek them out, to be defiled by them: I am YHWH your God ... A man or a woman who is a medium or a wizard shall be stoned to death, their blood is upon them’ (Leviticus 20:27).

“Yeshu was hanged on the Day of Preparation for the Passover because he practised sorcery and led the people astray” (Babylonian Talmud Sanhedrin 43A - omitted in censored editions).

Mark 3:23-26

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Jesus called them to him, and spoke to them using comparisons,

“How can Satan cast out Satan? (see 1:13)

If a kingdom is divided against itself,
that kingdom cannot stand.

And if a house is divided against itself,
that house will not be able to stand.

And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided,
he cannot stand, his end has come.

Mark 3:27-30

No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

1:7 'One more powerful than I.'

Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;

but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—

for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Jesus' family : Mark 3:31-35

Then his mother and his brothers come;
and standing outside,
they sent to him and called him.

A crowd was sitting around him;
and they say to him,

“Your mother and your brothers [and sisters] ?
are outside, asking for you.”

And he replies, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”

And looking at those who sat around him, he says,

“Here are my mother and my brothers!

Whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother.”

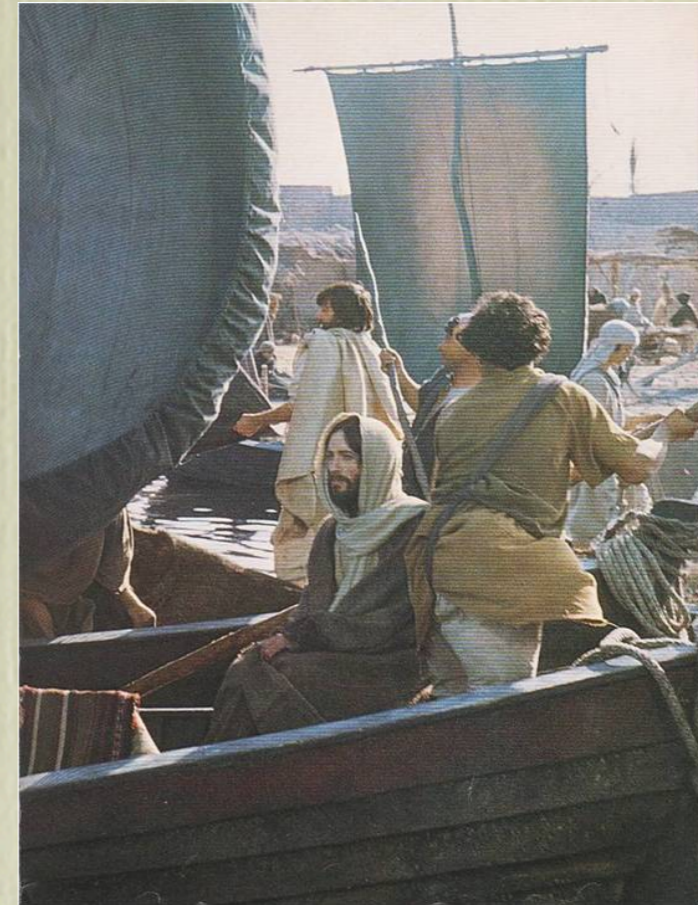
‘That is why I came’ (1:38)

The Power of the Word : Mark 4:1-34

Parable of the Sower 4:1-3

Again Jesus began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them:

“Listen! A sower went out to sow.



The Power of the Word : Mark 4:1-34

Mark 4:4-9

As he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away.

Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain.

Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”

And he said, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

The 'mystery' of the kingdom of God : Mark 4:10-13

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables.

And he said to them, “To you has been given the **mystery** of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that (the following prophecy might be fulfilled; see Isaiah 6:10)

‘they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.’”

And he says to them, “Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables?

The Power of the Word : Mark 4:14-32

Allegorical application of the Parable of the Sower 4:14-20

Parable of the Lamp : Mark 4:21-23

He said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lamp stand? For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

Parable of the Measure : Mark 4:24-25

And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”

Parable of the Seed Growing by Itself Mark 4:26-29

(not in Matthew or Luke)

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Parable of the Mustard Seed 4:30-32

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

Mark 4:33-34

With many such parables he spoke the word to them,
as they were able to hear it;
he did not speak to them except in parables,
but he explained everything in private to his disciples.