



MESSAGE NOTES

The Sower Sows the Word

Mark 4

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Jesus teaching by the lake.

1. The Sower Went Out to Sow Seed (Mark 4:3-9)

a) As he was scattering the seed, the seed fell on different kinds of soil.

- **Hard** - the path
- **Rocky** - rocky places
- **Thorny** - among thorns
- **Good** - good soil

b) Jesus explains the parable (Mark 4:10)

When Jesus was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked about the parables. He told them about the parables.

Mark 4:14 The farmer sows the word. 15 Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. 16 Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. 17 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 18 Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; 19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. 20 Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”

2. Light Is Seen

Mark 4:21 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? 22 For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”

3. All by Itself?

Mark 4:26 He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. 29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Conclusion : The Sower Sows the Word

The seed is the word. Jesus is the word. We share Jesus.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.