

the gospel of
MARK

A Seed, A Storm, and the Most Crucial Question ever asked...

Mark 4:30-41

The Gospel of Mark (thus far...)

- John-Mark's collection of Peter's accounts
- Jesus is identified as the awaited Messiah!
 - He has Authority and Lordship over all.
 - People are called to repent of rejecting God.

A Seed

- 4:30-34 *“with what can we compare the Kingdom of God?”*
- Definition: The Kingdom of God is the glorious sum of all things pertaining to God’s rule, reign and rescuing activity on earth and in the lives of sinful man.

The Mustard Seed Kingdom ...

- (1) ... Is an Unexpected Presence
 - Compared to what people presumed
 - Many expected God's rescue from earthly oppression
 - Politics, Poverty, Powerlessness

The Mustard Seed Kingdom ...

- (2) ... Meets an Unexpected Oppression
 - What TRULY devastates and binds?
 - Sin, Rebellion, and the Separation from God these produce
 - These are the most pressing needs!

The Mustard Seed Kingdom ...

- (3) ... Includes Unexpected People
 - A large plant with large branches
 - Provides life to all *KINDS* of people
 - the previously shunned or excluded
 - Levi, Simon, the ch. 5 man!

A Storm

- 4:35-41 *“Let us go across to the other side.”*
- Jesus leads the disciple’s Mission
 - But He doesn’t provide many details!
 - Implicit instruction: *“Trust me!”*
 - 4:26-29 Sows and sleeps...

A Storm

- 4:35-41 *“Let us go across to the other side.”*
- When met with adversity/opposition:
 - The disciples revert to fear, blame and question Jesus’ goodness and provision
 - But the true disciple endures hardship giving Glory to God!

- 4:35-41 *“Do you not care that we are perishing?!”*
 - “Will I entrust my life and soul to my faithful creator ... *will you do the same* in the midst of the difficulties you are facing?” –Chris Lawson



A Storm

- 4:35-41 *“Who is this...?”*
 - Jesus stills the storm with a command!
 - Yet another powerful demonstration of His ultimate authority and Kingship.
 - The Greatest Question anyone can ever ask...

- 1. Believer, thank God for the Unexpected ways He has blessed you, rescued you and yes, challenged or chastened you!
- 2. How do you answer the question the disciples asked? If we say “He is Lord”, does our life align with our words?