

Mark ch 4-6

Ch 4

Theme – Public Teaching section; Kingdom Parable #1 – Parable of the Sower; why the Lord taught in parables; explanation of the Parable of the Sower; take care who you listen to because there are consequences; Kingdom Parable #2 – Parable of the Growing Seed; Kingdom Parable #3 – Parable of the Mustard Seed; the Lord calms the sea after sleeping in the boat (“Teacher, do you not care?”); disciples are afraid as they struggle to comprehend

Ch 5

Theme – Lord & disciples reach the Gerasenes (called Gadarenes in Mt 8:28); meet by demon-possessed men (Mark & Luke focus on the one who wants to go with Jesus); demon-possessed man could not be helped by anyone; demons implore Jesus; demons go into the pigs (around 2,000) & cause them to drown themselves; “Clothed and in his right mind” - v15; local people ask Jesus to leave; freedman wants to go with Jesus; Lord sends him to evangelize Gentiles; return to other side of Galilee (likely Capernaum); Jairus comes, bows at the feet of Jesus, & intercedes for his daughter; woman with the issue of blood; Mark tells us she suffered much at the hands of physicians & spent all that she had; Lord calls her “Daughter” as messengers bring news of Jairus’s daughter; “Do not be afraid; only believe” – v36; mourners mock Jesus; only mom, dad, & inner circle get to witness the miracle; the Lord raises little girl from the dead (“Talitha Kum”); Jesus protects the family from persecution

Ch 6

Theme – 2nd trip to Nazareth; the Twelve sent out on 1st Mission Trip; King Herod hears about Jesus; details around execution of John the Baptist explained (more details in Mark than other Gospels); Apostles return (apostle describes a messenger or an ambassador); Feeding of the 5,000; Jesus walks on water (Peter walking on water not mentioned); Lord heals people at Gennesaret (west coast of Sea of Galilee)

Ch 7

Theme – Confrontation with Pharisees over washing hands; Mark explains the controversy to Roman reader; Jesus does not address handwashing, but that religious leaders disregard the Law of Moses when it “hinders” their traditions; uses the practice of “Corban” (transliteration of Hebrew word “qorban”); what really defiles a man (cleaning the inside of the cup (Matt 23:25-26); Syrophoenician woman; healing of the deaf man; “He has done all things well!” – v37)
