
THE GOSPEL OF MARK
THE IMPACT OF THE MASTER TEACHER
FOLLOWING JESUS

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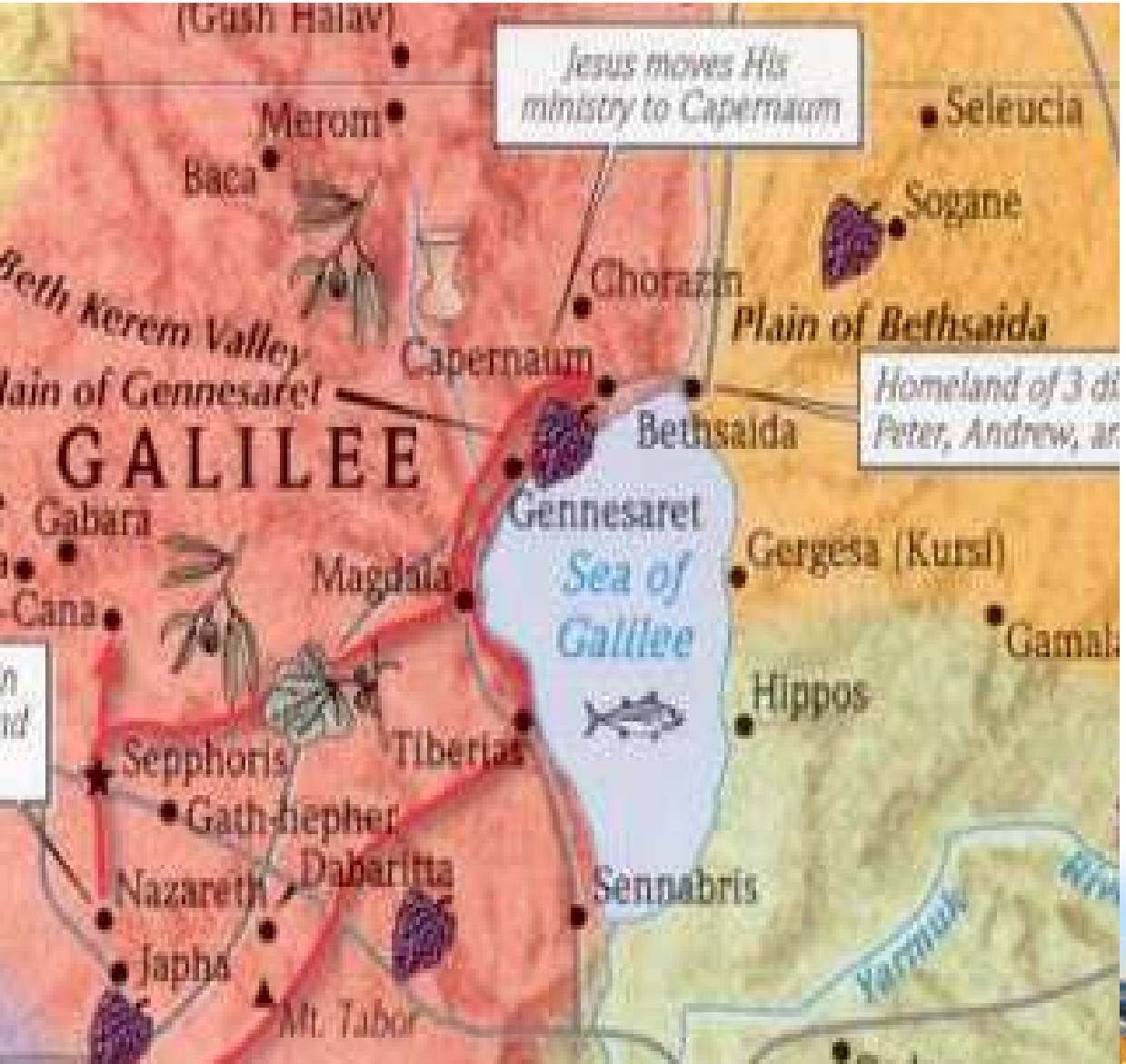
Mark 4:21-34



Where is Jesus?



1:8: Nazareth
1:9: Jordan River
1:12: Wilderness
1:14: Galilee
1:21: Capernaum
1:39: Synagogues
1:45: Galilean wilderness
2:1: Capernaum
2:13: Sea of Galilee
2:23: Grain fields
3:1: Synagogue
3:7: Sea of Galilee
3:20: Home (Capernaum)
4:1: Sea of Galilee



And He was saying…

- Don't hide the light (v21-23)
- Status quo is NOT an option (v24-25)
- Growth in God's kingdom is mysterious (v26-29)
- The Kingdom of God will grow (v30-32)
- I'll give you what you can handle (v33-34)



Don't hide the light

- Lamp = Truth of Jesus' teachings
- Basket = Picture of commerce or business
- Bed = Picture of comfort or laziness



Don't hide the light

Matthew 5:16

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."



Don't hide the light

Mark 16:15

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."



You can't hide from the light

Luke 12:1-3

Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first *of all,* "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops."



You can't hide from the light

Matthew 12:36-37

"But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."



You can't hide from the light

Ecclesiastes 12:13 – 14

The conclusion, when all has been heard, *is*: fear God and keep His commandments, because this *applies to* every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.



You can't hide from the light

1 John 2:28

Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.



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Status quo is NOT an option

"In spiritual matters, it is impossible to stand still. A person either gains or loses, he either advances or declines."



Status quo is NOT an option

"Whoever has to him more shall be given"

Luke 16:10
"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much."

Matthew 25:21
His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."



Status quo is NOT an option

Matthew 25:24-29

"And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no *seed*. And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no *seed*. Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my *money* back with interest. Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' "For to everyone who has, *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away."



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Growth in God's Kingdom is mysterious

- The Kingdom was prophesied in the Old Testament (Daniel 2:44)
- The Kingdom was at hand in the person of Jesus (Matthew 3:2; 4:17; 10:7)
- The Kingdom exists in the hearts of His subjects (Matthew 13)
- The Kingdom will be manifested in the Millennium (Matthew 8:11)
- The Kingdom will be everlasting (2 Peter1:11)



Growth in God's Kingdom is mysterious

- Our job is to cast the seed on the soil
- God's job is to produce the crop
- Growth is often difficult to see

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.



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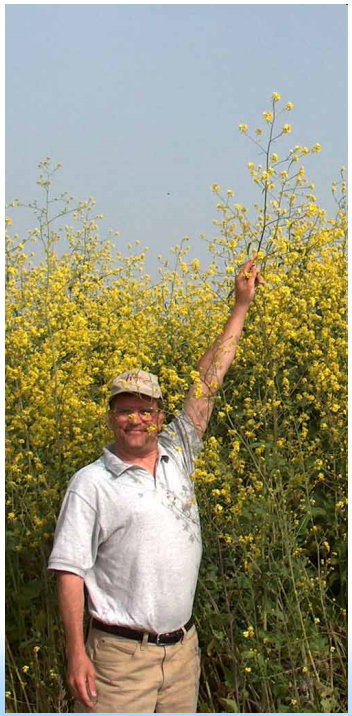
The Kingdom of God will grow

- Mustard seeds are very small
- Mustard shrubs grow very tall







The Kingdom of God will grow

"Large streams from little fountains flow,
Tall oaks from little acorns grow." David Everet

Blessed is the one who takes an active part in promoting the growth of the Kingdom.



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I'll give you what you can handle

Proverbs 8:17

"I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me."



I'll give you what you can handle

Jeremiah 29:12-13

"Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart."

