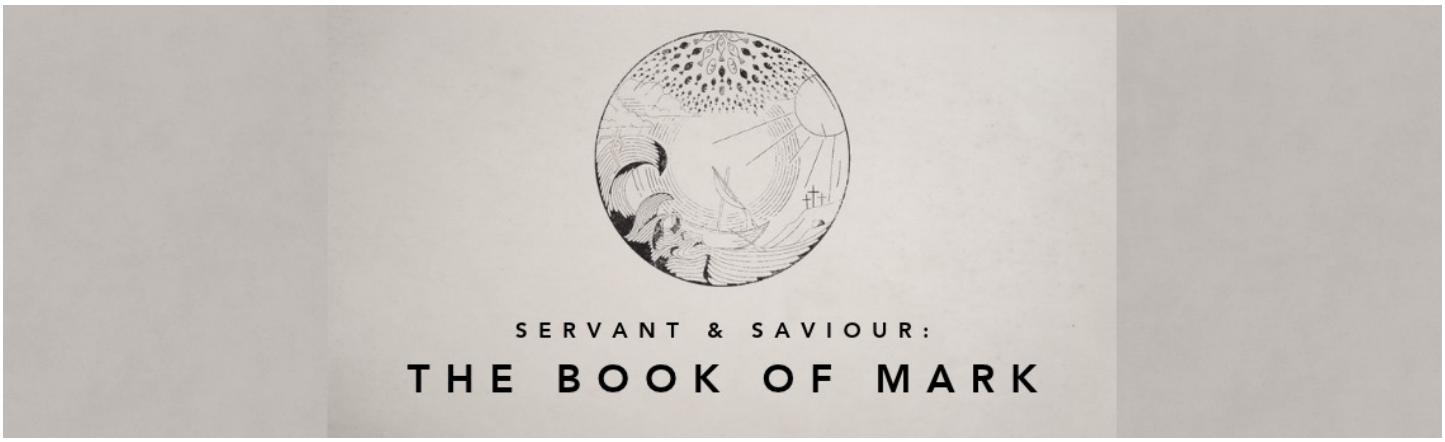


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Mark 4:21–34(NIV)

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."

24 "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued.
"With the measure you use, it will be measured to
you—and even more. 25 Whoever has will be given
more; whoever does not have, even what they have
will be taken from them."

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."

30 Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of
God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe
it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest
of all seeds on earth. 32 Yet when planted, it grows
and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with
such big branches that the birds can perch in its
shade."

33 With many similar parables Jesus spoke the
word to them, as much as they could understand.
34 He did not say anything to them without using
a parable. But when he was alone with his own
disciples, he explained everything.

Notes:

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15)

Kingdom of God

Why parables? (33-34)

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> “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

> “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

News not to be taken lightly (24-25)