

Questions on Mark chapter 4

1. Since Mark's account differs only slightly from Matthew's, why do we have two nearly identical accounts? Verses 1-2. (See 2 Corinthians 13:1)

2. Mark said that Jesus "taught them many things by parables." How does this method of teaching work? Verse 2.

3. What happened to the seed that fell by the wayside? Verses 3-4.

4. Why did the plant on stony ground wither away? Verses 5-6.

5. What was the difference in the seed that fell among thorns and that which fell on good ground? Verses 7-8.

6. Did Jesus explain the parable to the multitude? Verses 9-10.

7. Why did Jesus teach in parables? Verses 11-12. (See Matthew 13:10-17)

8. What is the mild rebuke given by Jesus in this verse? Verse 13.

9. What is the seed sown by the sower? Verse 14.

10. Who is represented by the bird that catches away the word sown on wayside soil? Verse 15.

11. In the parable, why are those offended who are represented by the seed sown on stony ground? Verses 16-17.

12. Why are those represented by thorny ground unfruitful and what are the thorns? Verses 18-19.

13. How do we know when the seed falls on good ground? Verse 20.

14. Leaving the figure of the word as seed, unto what is it compared in these verses? Verses 21-23.

15. What is it that is given depending on what we hear? Verses 24-25.

16. What is the subject matter of the next parable? Verses 26-27.

17. What are the four stages of the seed that springs up? Verses 28-29.

18. According to Jesus, what is the kingdom of God like? Verses 30-31.

19. How is the kingdom of God like a grain of mustard seed? Verse 32.

20. When did the Savior give all the expositions of the parables thought necessary? Verses 33-34.

21. As Mark prepares to relate the story of the stilling of the tempest, how does he indicate that there were other witnesses? Verses 35-36.

22. Why do you think the disciples were worried? Verses 37-38.

23. Why was the fear of the storm by the disciples evidence of a lack of faith? Verse 40.

24. How was their astonishment when Jesus stilled the tempest another evidence of weak faith? Verse 41.