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Bible Study and Discussion Group

Topic: The Gospel of Mark

Theme: "A Portrait of Jesus"

Handout #3 – Chapters 4 – 6 – Parables and Power

Introduction

- Remember the Gospel of Mark is one portrait of Jesus – it helps readers to understand the nature of discipleship in the light of how Jesus cared for His disciples and taught them about discipleship in the context of His death and resurrection.
- Mark writes to strengthen the faith new Christians and to evangelize others
- Primarily directed at Gentiles
- Purpose of book is to provide foundations for belief and trust in Jesus as the promised Messiah and Son of God

I. Jesus Speaks In Parables – Mark 4:1-34

1. The Parable of the Sower
 - a. The Purpose of Parables
 - b. The Parable of the Sower Explained
2. The Parable of Light and the Basket
3. The Parable of the Growing Seed
4. The Parable of the Mustard Seed
5. Jesus' Use of Parable

II. Jesus Demonstrates His Power – Mark 4:35-41

- a. Jesus instructs His disciples to cross over to the other side...vs.35
- b. A great storm arose and Jesus was asleep on the boat...vs. 37-38a
- c. The disciples wake Jesus...vs. 38b
- d. Jesus calms the wind and sea...vs. 39-40

- III. Jesus Heals A Demon-Possessed Man – Mark 5:1-20
 - a. Jesus and His disciples are met by a demon-possessed man – vs. 1-7
 - b. Jesus commands the spirit to come out of the man – vs. 8-13
 - i. Authority over demonic spirits demonstrated
 - ii. Legion – many spirits in the man
 - iii. Appeal to possess herd of swine
 - iv. Swine destroyed
 - c. Response of the people – vs. 14-17
 - d. Instruction to the man who experienced deliverance – vs. 18-20

- IV. Jesus Heals a Girl and A Woman with An Infirmity – Mark 5:21-43
 - a. A Father's Request – vs. 21-24
 - b. A Woman Healed – vs. 25-34
 - c. A Daughter Brought Back to Life – vs. 35-43

- V. Jesus' Mission Continues
 - a. Jesus Rejected at Nazareth – vs. 1-6
 - b. Jesus Sens Out the Twelve – vs. 7-13
 - c. John the Baptist Beheaded – vs. 14-29
 - d. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand – vs. 30-44
 - e. Jesus Walks on the Water – vs. 45-52

Conclusion: Jesus Heals Many – vs. 53-56