#### **The Gospel of Mark**

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35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." 36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. 38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. 40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?" 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!

35 그 날 저녁에 예수님이 제자들에게 "비다 저편으로 건너가자"하고 말씀하셨다. 36 그래서 제자들은 군중을 남 겨 두고 예수님 이 타신 배로 함께 떠났고 다른 배들도 따라 갔다. 37 그런데 갑자기 큰 폭풍이 휘몰아치고 파도 가 덮쳐 배가 침몰하게 되었다. 38 그러나 예수님은 배의 뒷 부분에서 베가를 베고 주무시고 계셨다. 제자들은 예수님을 깨우며 "선생님, 우리가 죽게 되었는데도 모른 척하십니까?" 하고 소리졌다. 39 예수님이 일어나 비림을 꾸짖으시 며 비다를 향해 "잔잔하라! 고요하라!" 하시자 비림이 멎고 비다는 이주 잔잔해졌다. 40 그러고 나서 예수님은 제자 들에게 "왜 그렇게 무서워하느냐? 너희가 아직도 나를 믿지 못하느냐?" 하고 말씀하셨다. 41 제자들은 몹시 두려워 하며 "도다체 이분이 누구시기에 비림과 비다도 복중하는가?" 하고 서로 수군가렸다.

#### **Review**

Before we look at today's passage of scripture let's review what we studied last week.

Last time we saw how the Lord Jesus altered His style of preaching. In the early days of His public ministry He taught in a plain and straightforward way. However as the hostility towards Him grew He began to teach using the form of illustrative stories or accounts known as parables. We looked at three of these parables in our last study.

The parables we looked at were; the light under a basket, the growing seed and the mustard seed.

All of Jesus' parables teach us something important about God's Kingdom. Therefore it is worth taking the time and effort to study, pray over and seek the Holy Spirit's help in understanding what Jesus is telling us. Through the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit we can learn many valuable things about how God works and the role He want us to play in His kingdom. Let's briefly look at each of the parables in turn.

오늘 본문을 보기 전에 지난 주에 공부한 내용을 복습해 봅시다. 지난 시간에 우리는 주 예수님이 설교 스타일을 어떻 게 바꾸셨는지 보았습니다. 그분의 공생애 초기에 그분은 명백하고 직설적인 방법으로 가르차셨습니다. 그러나 그분에 대한 적대감이 커짐에 따라 그분은 예사적인 이야기나 비유로 알려진 설명의 형태를 사용하여 가르차기 시작하셨습니 다. 우리는 지난 연구에서 이러한 비유 중 세 가지를 살펴보았습니다. 우리가 살펴본 비유는 다음과 같습니다. 바구니 이래의 빛 지러나는 씨앗과 겨자씨. 예수의 모든 비유는 하느님의 왕국에 관해 중요한 점을 가르쳐 줍니다. 그러므로 시간과 노력을 들여 공부하고 기도하고 예수님께서 우리에게 말씀하시는 것을 이해하기 위해 성령의 도움을 구하는 것은 가치 있는 일입니다. 성령의 인도와 영감을 통해 우리는 하나님께서 어떻게 알하시는지 그리고 그분의 왕국에서 우리가 하기를 원하시는 역할에 대해 많은 귀중한 것들을 배울 수 있습니다. 각 비유를 차례로 간단히 실펴보겠습니 다.

### **<u>1 The light under the basket</u>**

In Jesus day houses had very small windows. The interior as a result was often dark and gloomy. Therefore people relied upon small clay lamps fuelled by oil. These lamps would be placed on shelves to provide illumination to the house. So what's this parable really about?

Often you will hear people say that this parable is teaching us about our role in the Kingdom. That we are to be the lights that shine out the truth of the gospel. This is true, and is one of the applications we can take from this parable, but there is more to it than that.

Jesus here was actually informing His followers that He was really here to bring truth and illumination. They were puzzled by His use of parables. Parables to them seemed confusing. Why not teach people in a plain, easy to understand way. Jesus is telling them that soon all things will be revealed. Jesus came not to bring darkness and misunderstanding. He came to bring light, and to reveal truth. They must be patient and think deeply on these things. This is because when Jesus has departed they will have the task of sharing the truth with others. The same message holds true today. These first disciples had not had all the truth yet revealed to them. We however have God's full and complete revelation. We are therefore called upon to share that truth with others.

에수님 시대에 집에는 이주 작은 창문이 있었습니다. 결과적으로 내부는 종종 어둡고 우울했습니다. 그러므로 사람들 은 기름으로 연료를 공급하는 작은 점토 램프에 의존했습니다. 이 램프는 집에 조명을 제공하기 위해 선반에 놓였습니 다. 그렇다면 이 비유는 무엇에 관한 것입니까? 종종 당신은 사람들이 이 비유가 왕국에서 우리의 역할에 대해 가르쳐 준다고 말하는 것을 들을 것입니다. 우리가 복음의 진리를 비추는 등불이 되게 하소서 이것은 사실이며 우리가 이 비 유에서 취할 수 있는 적용 중 하나이지만 그보다 더 많은 것이 있습니다. 여기에서 예수님은 실제로 자신이 진리와 조 명을 가져오기 위해 이곳에 왔다는 사실을 추종자들에게 알리고 계셨습니다. 그들은 그분의 비유 사용에 당황했습니 다. 그들에게 비유는 혼란스러워 보였습니다. 평범하고 이해하기 쉬운 방법으로 사람들을 가르치지 않겠습니까? 예수 님은 그들에게 곧 모든 것이 드러날 것이라고 말씀하고 계십니다. 예수님은 어두움과 오해를 주러 오신 것이 아닙니 다. 그는 빛을 가져오고 진리를 나타내기 위해 오셨습니다. 그들은 인내심을 가지고 이러한 일들에 대해 깊이 생각해 야 합니다. 예수님이 떠나실 때 그들은 다른 사람들과 진리를 나누는 임무를 갖게 될 것이기 때문입니다. 오늘날에도 동일한 메시지가 적용됩니다. 이 첫 제지들은 그들에게 이직 밝혀진 모든 진리를 가지고 있지 않았습니다. 그러나 우 리는 하나님의 온전하고 완전한 계시를 가지고 있습니다. 그러므로 우리는 그 진리를 다른 사람들과 나누도록 부름 받 있습니다.

#### 2 The growing seed

The parable of the growing seed asks us to picture a farmer scattering seeds. Once the seeds are sown the farmers job is essentially complete. They may water the seeds, apply pesticides or erect a scareware but that is all they can do. Whether the seeds develop and grow is out of the farmer's hands. It's essentially in God's hands. This same principle applies to growth in God's Kingdom. We are the farmers who are tasked with scattering or sowing the seeds. The seeds represent God's truth. We must then leave the rest up to God. Will the person we have shared the gospel with come to a know and love the Lord Jesus? That's God's business. We have our small part to play and the rest is up to Him.

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#### 3 The mustard seed

We know from life that big things often come from small humble beginnings. Long journeys begin with a single step. Huge business empires grow from a single shop. This is in essence what Jesus is teaching us here about the Kingdom. A mustard seed is a very tiny seed. For the farmers in Palestine it was the smallest seed they planted. And yet from this tiny seed a big and useful plant grew.

So Jesus was reminding His hearers that although what they were seeing was not that impressive it was only the beginning. It would one day be something awesome and mighty. From that humble beginning in Galilee picture how Christianity grew. It started with Jesus, His group of twelve disciples and other followers but look at it now. According to Pew research 31% of the world's population or around 2.3 billion people are Christians.

Today we conclude chapter 4. The chapter ends with a miracle. The Lord Jesus calming the storm is the first of a series of four miracles that Mark has grouped together. The miracles are as follows;

- 1 Calming the storm
- 2 Healing the demoniac
- **3** Healing the woman with a flow of blood
- 4 Raising Jairus' daughter.

The miracles reveal to us Jesus power and mastery over nature, demons, disease, and death. We cannot read them without truly recognising who Jesus is.

Before we do that will you join me in prayer.

# 35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side."

The account we are about to study is recorded in all the synoptic gospels.

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Mark is usually noted for his brevity. He typically tells us things in a much more concise way than Matthew and Luke. However for the account of Jesus calming the storm Mark actually gives us the longest, most detailed account. Why might this be? Well, if you think back to my introduction to Mark's gospel I told you from whom Mark got his information. He received his account from the eyewitness Peter. Peter was in the boat with Jesus. As a man used to being on the Sea of Galilee I'm sure what happened on that night stayed with him forever.

In the ancient world they were not as precise about time as we are today. Today if we were reporting on someone's actions we might say they left at around 6 pm. Here Mark I think deliberately tells us something about when these events took place. Firstly it was on the "same day." This means the same day that He was teaching the people about the Kingdom through parables. We are also told that is was when evening had come. Mark I think includes these details to help us appreciate the extreme busyness of Jesus. He didn't say to His disciples, let's rest and leave in the morning. He wanted them to use every opportunity they had. The Lord Jesus knew that His time on earth was short and so He wasted none of it.

It's a valuable lesson and one we should note. We are all guilty at times of wasting time. Most of us spend too much time looking at our smart phones and engaged in other forms of entertainment. I remember a wise professor once telling me about an experiment he conducted at the start of every university year. He would ask his students how well they thought they used their time. Almost all of them said that they used their time sensibly. That not too much was spent in idle or unproductive ways. The professor then got all his students to carefully record how they spent their time over a week. It was a very illuminating experience for the students. When they returned a week later they were all amazed. They hadn't appreciated just how much of their time they did actually waste. It's a criticism that we could never level at the Lord Jesus. He never wasted a second. So we should take note, none of us knows how long we have, so we should use the time we have wisely.

Mark 는 일반적으로 간결함으로 유명합니다. 그는 일반적으로 미태복음과 누가복음보다 훨씬 더 간결한 방식으로 우 리에게 이야기합니다. 그러나 폭풍을 점점하게 하신 예수님의 이야기에 대해 마가는 실제로 우리에게 가장 길고 가장 정보를 얻었는지 말씀 드렸습니다. 그는 목격자 베드로로부터 자신의 설명을 받았습니다. 베드로는 예수님과 함께 배 에 있었습니다. 갈릴리 바다에 있었던 사람으로서 나는 그날 밤에 일어난 일이 그에게 영원히 남아있을 것이라고 확신 합니다. 고대 세계에서 그들은 오늘날 우리처럼 시간에 대해 정확하지 않았습니다. 오늘날 우리가 누군기의 행동에 대 해 보고한다면 그들이 오후 6 시에 떠났다고 말할 수 있습니다. 여기서 Mark 는 의도적으로 이러한 이벤트가 발생했 을 때 우리에게 무엇인기를 알려준다고 생각합니다. 첫째, "같은 날"이었습니다. 이것은 그가 비유를 통해 사람들에게 왕국에 대해 가르치던 바로 그 날을 의미합니다. 우리는 또한 저녁이 왔을 때마고 들었습니다. 마가는 우리가 예수님 의 극도로 분주하님을 아해하는 데 도움이 되는 이라한 세부 사항을 포함한다고 생각합니다. 그분은 제자들에게 쉬고 이침에 가자고 말씀하지 않으셨습니다. 그는 그들이 가진 모든 기회를 활용하기를 원했습니다. 주 예수님은 지상에서 의 자신의 시간이 짧다는 것을 아섰기 때문에 시간을 낭비하지 않으셨습니다. 그것은 귀중한 교훈이며 우리가 주목해 야할 교후입니다. 우리는 시간을 낭비한 시간에 모두 유죄입니다. 우리 대부분은 스마트폰을 보거나 다른 형태의 엔 기억합니다. 그는 학생들에게 시간을 얼마나 잘 사용한다고 생각하는지 물었습니다. 거의 모든 시람들이 시간을 현명 하게 사용했다고 말했습니다. 게으르거나 비생신적인 방식으로 너무 많이 지출되지 않았습니다. 그런 다음 교수는 모 든 학생들에게 일주일 동안 어떻게 시간을 보냈는지 주의 깊게 기록하게 했습니다. 그것은 학생들에게 매우 빛나는 경 험이었습니다. 일주일 후에 그들이 돌이왔을 때 그들은 모두 놀랐다. 그들은 실제로 얼마나 많은 시간을 낭비했는지

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Jesus then tells His disciples that they should cross to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. This means they were travelling from west to east. As I have said before the western side of the Sea of Galilee was mostly populated by Jews. Across the sea on the eastern side was where many Gentiles resided. We do not know exactly where Jesus was at this point. But in chapter 5 we are told where they landed.

### Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. (Mark 5:1)

So we know where they were heading.

The country of the Gadarenes was located east of the Jordan River and southeast of the Sea of Galilee. The Sea of Galilee is around 13 miles in length and at its widest point about 8 miles wide. For experienced fishermen this would normally be a routine trip. But not on this occasion. Let us read on.

# 36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

So leaving most of the crowd behind Jesus and the disciples climb into a boat. Again Mark includes a significant, and often overlooked detail. He tells us that they took Jesus "as he was." This probably means that they took Jesus tired and weary "as He was." They did not wait for food to be brought, or extra clothes to arrive. This all ties in with Marks presentation to us of Jesus as the suffering servant. Servants don't get a time to rest, extra blankets, or nice hot meals. They must be ready to go and serve no matter how they personally feel. We should also remember that the Lord Jesus when He took on human flesh experienced all the things we do. He felt tired, hungry and exhausted after a long day of preaching and teaching. This is later reinforced by what happens during the journey. Even though it was late in the day people still wanted to be near to Jesus. We are told that a number of other small boats also set off with Jesus and His disciples. Mark is the only gospel writer to include this detail.

Let me take a moment at this point to tell you about a very interesting archaeological find. This find was discovered two miles north of Magdala, on the Sea of Galilee. In 1986 there was a drought and the water level had receded. Two brothers; Moshe and Yuval Lufan found some old looking nails along the shore and contacted the authorities. What they had actually discovered was the remains of a first century fishing boat. It truly was an amazing find. The wood from the boat was carbon 14

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tested and gave a date of around 40 AD. The boat because it was in service during Jesus time on earth was nicknamed the "Jesus boat." It's measurements were as follows. It was 9 meters long, 2.5 meters wide and 1.25 metres high. So it was certainly more substantial than a little row-boat. Was this the kind of boat that Jesus and His disciples boarded that evening? We may never know for sure but its a strong possibility.

Let us see what happens.

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### **37** And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.

I've spoken before about how sudden and severe the storms can be on the Sea of Galilee. I remember spending a few days in Tiberius and the sea was always calm and placid. However due to the geography of the region violent wind storms can begin without warning. The winds can whip across the sea and create waves as big as 2 metres in height. Waves of this size can easily flood and sink a small boat. The storm here is described by Mark as being a "great" windstorm. The word great is the Greek word "*megas*." So Mark is I think highlighting to us that this is a more severe and powerful storm than usual. We should remember that several of the disciples were experienced fisherman. No doubt they had encountered bad weather whilst out on the water. But this storm is so severe and the boat is taking on so much water that even they are afraid. What is Jesus doing whilst this storm rages. Let's find out.

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악천후를 만났을 것입니다. 그러니이 폭풍은 너무 심하고 배는 너무 많은 물을 받아들이고 그들조치도 두려유합니다. 이 폭풍이 몰아치는 동안 예수님은 무엇을 하고 계십니까? 알아 보자.

### 38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

Some people have the gift of being able to sleep in almost any place or situation. A noisy or brightly lit place is not a problem for them. They can close their eyes and get some blissful sleep. I wish I had this ability. I have difficulty sleeping in any place except my bed. I do however often nod off on public buses.

Picture the scene. This small boat rocking violently as big waves slam against it. Water is splashing over the sides. The disciples are frantically trying to bail out the water and also steer the ship to safety. Whilst all this chaos is happening what is the Lord Jesus doing? Well, He's sleeping in the stern. At the back of the ship was seat with a cushion on it for the person who steered the boat to sit. An exhausted Jesus is taking this opportunity to rest. Interestingly this is the only place in the synoptic gospels where Jesus is recorded as sleeping. Of course, we know that He slept at other times. Just like us I'm sure that He slept every night in the normal fashion.

Again this is a useful reminder that Jesus experienced the same things we do. He knows what it's like to feel extreme fatigue and to be falling asleep in unusual or unlikely places.

The response from the disciples is not good. No doubt they were fearful and anxious and this fed into their response. They are angry with Jesus. Their anger I think comes from their perceived indifference of Jesus. This is a life or death situation. They are all in peril. Why is Jesus not helping them in this crisis? Why, is He so unconcerned. From a human perspective we can probably understand what they are feeling. In a crisis or emergency we expect people to contribute and help. When my school had a fire several years ago all the teachers were expected to help with the clean up. It was a dirty and unpleasant job, but the option of avoiding work and sleeping in my office would have been unacceptable.

So the disciples wake Jesus from his sleep. Why, they ask Him does He not care that they are all about to perish?

It's a good question? Why was Jesus not concerned about the storm. Well, firstly He had told them that they were going to the other side. Nothing could stand in the way of God's plans. Secondly Jesus knew when and where He would die. It would not be on a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Thirdly Jesus knew the power and authority He had over the creation. For all these reasons He was not worried as the disciples were about this storm. Let's see what happens next.

# 39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

The disciples had rebuked Jesus for in their eyes not caring that they were about to die. Now Jesus is going to do some rebuking of His own. Firstly He rebukes the storm. One commentator I read said that Jesus addressed the storm as one might a child. "Hush now, be quiet." This world is the Lord Jesus Christ's creation. In that sense it is His child, and He has control and mastery over it. Whatever volume or tone Jesus used the elements stopped their raging. From the chaos and noise of the storm came perfect peace. Mark uses the word "great" here for the second time. From a *megas* storm comes a *megas* calm. We should also remember that there were other small boats also on the sea during the storm. Their occupants too were also preserved from drowning by God's mercy. From the storm he turns now to rebuke the disciples.

# 40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?" 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!

The Lord Jesus is clearly disappointed in His disciples. They had been with now for some time. They had seen Him perform many amazing signs and wonders. They had witnessed His power and seen His goodness. They should have trusted Him and not been concerned or worried. So the Lord Jesus is disheartened that at this moment were they so fearful and lacking in faith. They did have some faith it should be said. They did after all come to Jesus and ask Him to do something. But

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their faith was so small. You see they already believed that it was too late. That they were doomed.

How guilty we are at times of a lack of faith. How often are we just like the disciples and think a situation is too far gone to be saved or rescued by God. Let us pray for a strong and resolute faith.

Mark closes his account by again using the Greek word *megas*. In our English translations today they have translated this as "exceedingly." Mark tells us that the disciples were greatly afraid at what had just happened. So let us pause a moment and think about this. They had been caught in a great storm. A storm so severe that even the experienced fishermen thought they would perish. Now the sea and wind were calm, they were surrounded by a great peace, and yet they were now even more greatly afraid. Why is this? Their question reveals to us what lay behind this fear.

They had been with Jesus for some time. They already knew that He had the authority to forgive sins, to cast out demons, and to heal diseases. But this was something new, this was a new revelation of who Jesus was. I think its right to say that they were comfortable with a friendly, familiar human Jesus. But the supernatural Jesus frightened them. We must remember that Jesus was the God / Man. He was fully man and fully God. In calming the storm He shows them the fullness of His deity. Let me read verses 8 and 9 from Psalm 89.

O LORD God of hosts, Who *is* mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them. (Psalm 89:8-9)

So the disciples now realise that this man in their boat truly was a unique individual. He's not just a man who can do extraordinary things. He is something way beyond that. It also meant that in practical terms they had no reason ever again to be afraid, for their Lord was in constant control of every situation.

Next time Lord willing we will see what happens when they land in the country of the Gadarenes.

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#### Things to think about

I have two comments to make on today's passage.

#### **<u>1 God cares</u>**

We have a tendency I think to read the accounts of the disciples and wonder, or be surprised at their lack of understanding and at times foolishness. Why, we might wonder given all they had seen were they fearful of the storm. Jesus had told them they were going over. They should have had faith and not been worried. But let us be honest and say that often we are just like those disciples. When we face problems, difficulties or crisis in life what do we say. "Lord, don't You care?" Just like the disciples in the boat we call out to God as if He is not fully aware of what is happening. How foolish we are. Of course God cares about us. We are His precious children. Think about what He paid to adopt us. So when we have trials in life let us never forget that God really cares. Let us not be fearful and have faith that He know best in every situation.

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#### 2 Don't be fearful

Jesus asks His disciples a most pertinent question. Why He asks them, are you fearful? It's a question that we should ask ourselves.

Recently I read a book about the Covid 19 vaccine. The book was written by an American pastor and researcher who might best be described as an extreme conspiracy theorist. He is someone who distrusts everything the government or the national media tell us. He is deeply sceptical of things as I think we all should be. The mess that much of the world is in now is a direct result of people not thinking clearly and allowing themselves to be brainwashed.

I think many of the things he reveals in the book are worthy of our interest and consideration. I have to say that the book's contents terrified me. I was literally left in a cold and fearful sweat. I won't go into details here but the future the book painted for humanity was horrific. It would be very easy for me to read a book like this and become deeply fearful and apprehensive about the future. Maybe these things will happen, maybe they won't. Whatever happens to us we should remember that have a loving Father who is watching over us. He is ultimately sovereign over all things. For this reason we need not fear. Let us put our trust in Him and pray that He be merciful.