



MARK: GOSPEL TRUTH
FOR A GROWING CHAOS

THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM

MARK 4:11 And He said to them, “To you it has been given **to know the mystery of the kingdom of God**; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,¹² so that ‘Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.’”¹³ And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?”

ISAIAH 6:9 And He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’”¹⁰Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed.”¹¹Then I said, “Lord, how long?” And He answered: “Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, The houses are without a man, The land is utterly desolate,¹²The LORD has removed men far away, And the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.¹³But yet a tenth will be in it, And will return and be for consuming, As a terebinth tree or as an oak, Whose stump remains when it is cut down. **So the holy seed shall be its stump.**”

THE ELEMENTS

MARK 4:1 And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea.²Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching:
³“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.”

THE EXPLANATION

MARK 4:14 “The sower sows the word.¹⁵And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.¹⁶These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness;¹⁷and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word’s sake, immediately they stumble.¹⁸Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word,¹⁹and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.²⁰But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

THE EXPLANATION

ACTS 12:24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

ACTS 19:20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

THE EXPLANATION

MARK 4:15 “And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away **the word that was sown in their hearts.**”

MARK 4:20 “But these are the ones sown on good ground, **those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit:** some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

THE EXPLANATION

HEBREWS 3:8 **Do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,

HEBREWS 3:15 While it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, **Do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion.”

HEBREWS 4:7 Again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, **Do not harden your hearts.**”

THE APPLICATION

ROMANS 10:8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach):⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰For **with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**