

The Gospel of St. Mark

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Mark 1–3 Recap

- Jesus begins His ministry with authority—preaching, healing, casting out demons.
 - Faces increasing opposition from religious leaders.
 - Appoints the Twelve; redefines family as “those who do the will of God.”
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Mark 4:1–20 — The Parable of the Sower

- The crowd presses in; Jesus teaches from a boat.
 - Four soils = Four heart responses:
 - **Path** – hardened hearts.
 - **Rocky** – shallow, emotional faith.
 - **Thorns** – distracted by cares, riches, desires.
 - **Good Soil** – receptive and fruitful.
 - God measures growth by **faithfulness**, not flash.
 - We can be different soils in different areas of life.
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Mark 4:21–25 — The Lamp Under the Basket

- God's Word is meant to be revealed, not hidden.
 - The more you lean in, the more you receive.
 - Warning against passive faith—don't just hear the Word, respond to it.
 - We're responsible to shine the light we've been given.
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Mark 4:26–29 — The Growing Seed

- The Kingdom grows by **God's power**, not our control.
- Growth is gradual—blade, ear, full grain.
- Encouragement to trust God's invisible work in others and ourselves.
- The harvest **will** come in due time.

Mark 4:30–34 — The Mustard Seed

- The Kingdom starts small—common and unimpressive.
- Grows into something unexpectedly large and sheltering.
- God uses small, faithful acts to create lasting impact.
- A call to long-view faithfulness across generations.

Mark 4:35–41 — Jesus Calms the Storm

- Jesus leads them into the storm—not away from it.
- Storm reveals fear and weak faith: “Don’t you care?”
- Jesus calms the chaos with a word—divine authority on display.
- The disciples go from fear of nature to awe of Jesus.

Mark 5:1–20 — The Gerasene Demoniac

- Jesus crosses into Gentile, unclean territory to reach one tormented man.
- The man is enslaved by “Legion”
- Jesus frees him; the town fears transformation more than dysfunction.
- He becomes the first missionary to the Decapolis—sent before he’s “ready.”

Mark 5:21–43 — Jairus’ Daughter & the Bleeding Woman

The Bleeding Woman

- 12 years of suffering, shame, and isolation.
- Quiet, desperate faith—Jesus brings her into the light, restores her as “daughter.”
- Faith is risky, especially when you feel unworthy—but Jesus TURNED AROUND

Jairus’ Daughter

- A respected leader who humbles himself.
- Jesus delays—and it seems fatal. But delay is not denial.
- Jesus raises her with tender words: “*Little girl, arise.*”
- He tells them to give her food—divine power meets practical care.

What does this tell us about Jesus?

- He meets people in chaos, shame, crisis, and fear.
- He heals, restores, dignifies, and then **sends people out** with a story.
- His Kingdom is quiet but powerful, personal but unstoppable.
- Whether you're in a tomb, a crowd, or a crisis—He will meet you there.