

Mark 4:1-3

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed.



Mark 4:10-12

When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that: they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!"



Isaiah 6

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

He said go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing but never understanding, and ever seeing but never perceiving"...



Mark 4:14-20

The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown." [™] Gospel of Mark To make it abundantly obvious to the world that these people have been changed from the inside out by Jesus.

Mark 4:11

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A Changed Heart

Ezekiel 11:19 | And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh.

Ez 36:26 | And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Jer 31:33 | Declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Ephesians 2:5 | Because of his great love for us, God made us alive with Christ.

Philippians 1:6 | I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 3:6

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.