***SERMON NOTES***

**“Who is This Man?” A Study through the Gospel of Mark**

**“Parables of the Kingdom”**

**Mark 4: 21-34**

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True \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hear the word, understand the word, and produce fruit.

The parables in our text this morning show us at least three main things:

1. The Kingdom of God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sin (darkness) (v 21-25).
2. The Kingdom of God does the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v 26-29).
3. The Kingdom of God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v 30-32).

*The Kingdom of God exposes sin (darkness) (v 21-25).*

Jesus says the message of the Kingdom (repent/believe) is like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shining a light that exposes and reveals our sin and need for Christ.

Proximity to God doesn’t equal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God.

*The Kingdom of God does the work (v26-29).*

Jesus says that the Kingdom of God works by its own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Just like a farmer who scatters seed and then sleeps, the seed grows and he knows not how.

*The Kingdom of God is coming (v 30-32)*

Of all the things that Jesus could compare the Kingdom of God to, he chooses the tiny \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seed, which eventually grows into a large, wild plant.

***Application/Questions***

What sin/hardness has the Kingdom light exposed in your heart?

Are you trusting in the power of the Kingdom’s message to do the work? Are you sharing the gospel faithfully or are you focused with your own ability and strength?

Take heart, the kingdom is coming: *“For here we do not have a lasting city, but we seek a city that is to come”* Hebrews 13:14

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