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Message Series: The Gospel of Mark

Week 18: “Pay Attention...”

Text: Mark 4:21-34

We have launched into unpacking and understanding the Book of Mark.

Mark’s audience is Romans believers, and as theologian Danny Akin says, “he is telling them that Jesus is the Messiah King and suffering servant who actively ministers on our behalf and gives his life as a ransom for many.”

Two weeks ago we started into one of two of sections of extended teaching that Mark records in his writing. Jesus tells 4 parables. A parable uses everyday objects, activities, or circumstance to teach a spiritual truth. In the first parable we were able to see that the sower is Jesus, and anyone who shares the gospel, announces the Kingdom of God, and there are 4 types of soil – 3 unbelievers, 1 true believer.

These next 3 parables we’re going to walk through together, because each of them reveals to the true believer all that their heart should be set upon – Jesus. In these illustrations Jesus is unfolding more of who He is and just as we have seen already in Mark, Jesus is going to teach something and then show/prove/illustrate it through His actions and we will see that over the next couple of weeks in the text that follows.

Hear & Receive Because...

✓ **Jesus will Forever be Glorified – v 21-25**

- **He is the light**
- **Only He will shine**
- **You can trust Him**

It’s not just that Jesus will be glorified one day, but it’s that every circumstance in your life and world is meant to make much of Jesus now. Not you and your comfort, but Jesus. So you can endure hard days and difficult seasons because of the truth that God will be made much of even through this. No trial is wasted – You can Trust Him. Jesus says “Pay attention” to what I’m saying. The words of Jesus have to affect the heart of those who truly “hear” Him.

✓ **Jesus is Worthy of Eternal Glory – v 26-29**

- **From beginning to end**
- **He saves and judges**
- **You should worship Him**

At the end of the day, He wins! We rejoice in this and love to hear it, but for many of us, we don’t give much thought to it other than when it’s mentioned in a sermon. Jesus being worthy of eternal glory as the

Beginning and End of gospel work, as the One who saves now and will judge the world later, as the One before whom every knee will bow and every tongue confess, that same One’s worth and glory doesn’t get much of our worship on a Tuesday afternoon when we are preoccupied with ourselves. When our emotions are constantly controlled by the flow of traffic or outcome of a game, we are worshiping at the wrong altar.

✓ **All will See His Worth & Glory – v 30-34**

- **But not all will share in it**
- **The Redeemed will find rest**
- **You should love Him**

What’s your “happy place”? The place you feel safe, restful, moved, and fulfilled? That is a shadow, a poor substitute, for what eternity with Jesus will be for those whose heart has been changed to know and love God. But not just eternity, He can be your comfort now, but you have to come under the shade of His covering.

Bottom line:

Trust the King who can turn every trial and triumph for His renown. Worship now the King who is and will always be worthy of eternal worship. Love the King who will be comfort and rest for those who love Him.

Thinking it Through...

- ✓ **Are you trusting Jesus to glorify His name with your best and your worst?**
- ✓ **Are you learning to worship well the King who is worthy of eternal glory?**
- ✓ **Are you growing in love with Jesus by finding comfort and rest in Him now?**