

1. Review

4:21-25

1. Two possible interpretations about that which will be revealed:
 - a. There is a purpose to the hiddenness, repentance.
 - b. The full revelation in verse 22 takes place at the cross.
2. We have this call to “hear” again.

Excurses:

1. Jesus’ parables generally fall into two categories:
 - a. Teaching/instruction
 - i. Parable of the unforgiving servant
 - ii. Parable of the unjust judge
 - b. The Kingdom of God
 - i. Parable of the Sower
 - ii. Parable of the Mustard Seed
2. Finding the referents:
 - a. Where is Jesus/God in this parable?
 - b. What are the referents of everything else?
 - i. Not everything has a referent.
3. What is the context of the parable?

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1. Parable of the Seed Growing
 - a. What type of parable is this? Teaching/instruction or about the kingdom of God?
 - b. Where is Jesus/God in this parable?
 - c. Who is the man?

What is the seed:

The harvest:

- d. What is the point of the parable?

2. Parable of the Mustard Seed

- a. What type of parable is this?
- b. Where is Jesus/God in this parable?
- c. What is the mustard seed?
- d. What is the point Jesus is making in this parable?

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- 1. Being told its evening should clue us in that something is about to happen.
- 2. Is this a regular storm or a storm brought about by spiritual forces opposed to God?
- 3. How do we see the disciples lack of faith and faith as well?
- 4. "Shut up! Be muzzled!"
- 5. Psalm 65; 107:1, 23-32, 43; 89:9-10
- 6. This is Jesus' second rebuke.
- 7. Why were the disciples afraid?
- 8. Can we take this story as a metaphor?
 - a. Yes but with caution