

# Mark 4

# Quiz Link

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# The Parable of the Soils (v.1-20)

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## Romans 16:25-26

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—

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## **Luke 8:11**

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

## **Matthew 13:19**

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

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## 1 Peter 5:8

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

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## **Luke 14:27-28**

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

## **Matthew 10:22**

and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

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## **1 John 2:15-16**

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

## **1 Timothy 6:10**

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

## James 4:1-3

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.



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## James 1:22-24

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

# More Parables (v.21-34)

## Question 1

Which soil is said to immediately receive the word with joy?

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- The Path
- The Rocky Ground
- The Thorns
- The Good Soil

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## **Ephesians 5:8-10**

for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

## **Matthew 5:16**

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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## **1 Corinthians 3:6-7**

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## Ezekiel 17:23-24

On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

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# Jesus Calms the Storm (v.35-41)

## Question 2

How much should we value God's Word?

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## **John 1:1-3**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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## Romans 8:28-32

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

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## Judges 13:22

And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, for we have seen God.”

## Matthew 5:16

Then Job answered the LORD and said:

“I know that you can do all things,

...

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

...

but now my eye sees you;  
therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes.”

## **Isaiah 6:5**

And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

## **Revelation 1:17**

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last,

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## Isaiah 52:2-3

For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

# Homework - Memorizing in Pairs!

## Question 3

How do you personally know that God cares for you?