The Book of Mark #14 – Hear the Word Mark 4:1-20 April 21, 2024

Danny Akin - A spiritually alert heart and hungry mind are needed to understand what He [Jesus] is teaching.

C.F.D. Moule – Now think that one out for yourself, if you can!

R. Kent Hughes – The condition of one's heart determines it receptivity to truth.

Jesus and His gospel strive to spread throughout all the world.

- Packed ground a hard hart
- Shallow ground a heart with no desire for depth
- Crowded ground a heart divided
- Healthy ground a heart that has heard Jesus speak

Matthew 6:24 - "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Mark 6:31 - And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

Jesus and His gospel will initiate an incredible harvest!

Jesus tasks His hearers with spreading the gospel from a heart of conviction, compassion, intensity, and generosity.

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5