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Mark 4:21-25

Series: *Getting In on the Good News*
The Gospel of Jesus Christ According to Mark

Central Passage

Mark 4:24–25 (ESV) — *24 And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. 25 For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”*

Central Thought: We get in on the Good News when we recognize that our greatest need is not for more or better information, but rather, for divine revelation that leads to real life and salvation through Jesus Christ.

Our Need for Revelation...

❖ **Jesus is the Light of the world – revealing our need and God’s saving purposes. (vs. 21)**

John 1:9–13 (NLT) — *9 The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He came into the very world he created, but the world didn’t recognize him. 11 He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 13 They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.*

John 8:12 (ESV) — *12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

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❖ **The cross of Christ – and his subsequent resurrection – is the definitive revelation of the character and purposes of God. (vs. 22-23)**

1 Corinthians 2:1–5 (ESV) — *1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

Romans 1:1–4 (ESV) — *1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,*

❖ **Revelation requires humility, patience and persistence! (vs. 24-25)**

John 15:5 (ESV) — *5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

1 Corinthians 1:20–25 (ESV) — *20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

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