

# IMMEDIATELY EVENTUALLY

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS BY MARK

## CAREFUL WHAT YOU HEAR

Mark 4:21-34

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Review: parable – soils – them ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

God's greatest gift is? ---- \_\_\_\_\_

Blepete ti akouete – “be seeing with understanding what you are hearing”

How to Listen

a. Listen \_\_\_\_\_

b. Listen \_\_\_\_\_

c. Listen \_\_\_\_\_

i. Seed is buried to come to life

ii. Truth is shared and God gives new life

iii. automatay

d. Listen \_\_\_\_\_

i. The mustard tree???

ii. The birds (Ezekiel 17 & Daniel 4 or Mark 4:4, 15)

1st. Nations will come

2nd. False teachers among the branches

Thank you, Father, for giving to us \_\_\_\_\_

THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS THE MESSIAH OF GOD, 7 AS IT IS WRITTEN IN ISAIAH THE PROPHET

SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU — I WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY — VOICE OF ONE CALLING IN THE WILDERNESS TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD, TO MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR HIM."

JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED IN THE WILDERNESS, PREACHING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF THE WHOLE JUDEAN COUNTRY AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WENT OUT TO HIM, CONFESSING THEIR SINS. THEY WERE BAPTIZED BY HIM IN THE JORDAN RIVER. 6 JOHN WORE CLOTHING MADE OF CAMEL'S HAIR, WITH A LEATHER BELT AROUND HIS WAIST, AND HE ATE LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY. 7 AND THIS WAS HIS MESSAGE: "AFTER ME COMES THE ONE MORE POWERFUL THAN I, THE SON OF WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT WORTHY TO STOOP DOWN AND UNLACE. 8 I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER, BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT."

**BAPTISM AND TESTING OF JESUS**  
AT THAT TIME JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE AND WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN. 10 JUST AS JESUS WAS COMING UP OUT OF THE WATER, HE SAW HEAVEN BEING TORN OPEN AND THE SPIRIT DESCENDING ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. 11 AND A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN, SAYING, "YOU ARE MY SON, WHOM I LOVE, WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED."

ONCE THE SPIRIT SENT HIM OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS, HE WAS IN THE WILDERNESS FORTY DAYS, BEING TEMPTED BY SATAN. 4 WITH THE WILD ANIMALS, AND ANGELS ATTENDED HIM. 5 HE ANNOUNCES THE GOOD NEWS  
AFTER JOHN WAS PUT IN PRISON, JESUS WENT INTO GALILEE, PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD. 15 "THE TIME HAS COME," HE SAID, "AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR. REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS!"

**CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES**  
JESUS WALKED BESIDE THE SEA OF GALILEE. HE SAW SIMON AND ANOTHER ANDREW CASTING A NET INTO THE LAKE, FOR THEY WERE FISHERMEN. 17 "COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL MAKE YOU OUT TO BE FISH FOR PEOPLE." 18 AT ONCE THEY LEFT THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM.

ON THE NEXT DAY HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER. HE SAW JAMES SON OF ZEBEDAI AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A BOAT, PREPARING THEIR NETS TO GO OUT TO SEA. WITHOUT DELAY HE CALLED THEM, AND THEY LEFT THEIR FATHERS IN THE BOAT WITH THE HIRED MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.

**DRIVES OUT AN IMPURE SPIRIT**  
JESUS WENT TO CAPERNAUM, AND WHEN THE SABBATH CAME, HE WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AND BEGAN TO TEACH. 22 THE PEOPLE WERE AMAZED AT HIS TEACHING, BECAUSE HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY, NOT AS THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW. 23 A MAN IN THE SYNAGOGUE WHO WAS POSSESSED BY AN IMPURE SPIRIT CRIED OUT, 24 "WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US, JESUS OF NAZARETH? HAVE YOU COME TO DESTROY US? I KNOW WHO YOU ARE — THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!"

HE SAID QUIETLY: "COME OUT OF HIM!" 26 THE SPIRIT SHOOK THE MAN VIOLENTLY AND CAME OUT OF HIM WITH A LOUD SHRIEK.

THE PEOPLE WERE ALL SO AMAZED THAT THEY ASKED EACH OTHER, "WHAT IS THIS? A NEW TEACHING — AND WITH AUTHORITY! HE EVEN COMMANDS THE IMPURE SPIRITS AND THEY OBEY HIM!" 28 HIS NEWS SPREAD QUICKLY OVER THE WHOLE REGION OF GALILEE.

**HEALS MANY**  
ON AS THEY LEFT THE SYNAGOGUE, THEY WENT WITH JAMES

AND BEGGED HIM TO LET HIM SIT AT HIS KNEES. "IF YOU ARE WILLING, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN." 41 JESUS WAS INDIGNANT IN THAT HE REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND TOUCHED THE MAN. "I AM WILLING," HE SAID, "BE CLEAN!" 42 IMMEDIATELY THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM AND HE WAS CLEANSED. 43 JESUS SENT HIM AWAY AT ONCE WITH A STRONG WARNING, 44 "SEE THAT YOU DON'T TELL THIS TO ANYONE. BUT GO, SHOW YOURSELF TO THE PRIEST AND OFFER THE SACRIFICES THAT MOSES COMMANDED FOR YOUR CLEANSING, AS A TESTIMONY TO THEM." 45 INSTEAD HE WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO TALK FREELY, SPREADING THE NEWS. AS A RESULT, JESUS COULD NO LONGER ENTER A TOWN OPENLY, BUT STAYED OUTSIDE IN LONELY PLACES. YET THE PEOPLE STILL CAME TO HIM FROM EVERYWHERE.

**JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS A PARALYZED MAN**  
2 A FEW DAYS LATER, WHEN JESUS AGAIN ENTERED CAPERNAUM, THE PEOPLE HEARD THAT HE HAD COME HOME. 3 THEY GATHERED IN SUCH LARGE NUMBERS THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT, NOT EVEN OUTSIDE THE DOOR, AND HE PREACHED THE WORD TO THEM. 3 SOME MEN CAME, BRINGING TO HIM A PARALYZED MAN, CARRIED BY FOUR OF THEM. 4 SINCE THEY COULD NOT GET HIM TO JESUS BECAUSE OF THE CROWD, THEY MADE AN OPENING IN THE ROOF ABOVE JESUS BY DIGGING THROUGH IT AND THEN LOWERED THE MAN THE MAN WAS LYING ON. 5 WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH, HE SAID TO THE PARALYZED MAN, "SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

4 NOW SOME OF THE PHARISES AND THE SCRIBES WERE SITTING THERE, THINKING TO THEMSELVES, "WHY DOES THIS FELLOW TALK LIKE THAT? HE IS POSSESSED BY AN IMPURE SPIRIT, AND HE IS SAYING WHAT HE WANTS. HE DOES NOT CARE ABOUT GOD OR MAN." 5 BUT JESUS KNEW THEIR SPIRITS, AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE YOU THINKING THESE THINGS IN YOUR HEARTS? ARE YOU THINKING THAT I AM SAYING THIS TO GET MYSELF A NAME? OR TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK?" 10 BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS, AS WELL AS TO TAKE SINS. 11 HE SAID TO THE MAN, "IF YOU GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO HOME!" 12 HE GOT UP TOOK HIS MAT AND WALKED OFF IN FULL VIEW OF THEM ALL. THIS AMAZED EVERYONE, AND THEY PRAISED GOD, SAYING, "WE HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS!"

**JESUS CALLS LEVI AND EATS WITH SINNERS**  
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15 WHILE JESUS WAS HAVING DINNER AT LEVI'S HOUSE, MANY TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS WERE EATING WITH HIM AND HIS DISCIPLES. FOR THERE WERE MANY WHO FOLLOWED HIM. 16 WHEN THE PHARISES AND THE SCRIBES SAW HIM EATING WITH THE SINNERS AND TAX COLLECTORS, THEY ASKED HIS DISCIPLES, "WHY DO YOU EAT AND DRINK WITH THOSE SINNERS?"

17 HE REPLIED TO THEM, "IT IS NOT HEALTHY FOR YOU TO SAY, 'WE DO NOT EAT OR DRINK WITH THOSE SINNERS.' BUT IT IS HEALTHY FOR YOU TO SAY, 'WE DO NOT EAT OR DRINK WITH THOSE WHO DO NOT CARE ABOUT GOD OR MAN.'"

**JESUS CRITICIZES THE PHARISES AND THE SCRIBES**  
18 NOW JOHN'S DISCIPLES AND THE PHARISES WERE FASTING. SOME PEOPLE CAME AND ASKED JESUS, "HOW IS IT THAT JOHN'S DISCIPLES AND THE DISCIPLES OF THE PHARISES ARE FASTING, BUT YOURS ARE NOT?"

19 JESUS ANSWERED, "HOW CAN THE GUESTS OF THE BRIDEROOM FAST WHILE HE IS WITH THEM? THEY CANNOT, SO LONG AS THEY HAVE HIM WITH THEM. 20 BUT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE BRIDEROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM, AND ON THAT DAY THEY

WILL FAST. OTHERWISE, THE NEW PIECE WILL PULL AWAY FROM THE OLD, MAKING THE TEAR WORSE." 21 AND NO ONE POURS NEW WINE INTO OLD WINESKINS. OTHERWISE, THE WINE WILL BURST THE SKINS, AND BOTH THE WINE AND THE WINESKINS WILL BE RUINED. NO, THEY POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS."  
**JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH**  
23 ONE SABBATH JESUS WAS GOING THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS, AND AS HIS DISCIPLES WALKED ALONG, THEY BEGAN TO PICK SOME HEADS OF GRAIN. 24 THE PHARISES SAID TO HIM, "LOOK, WHY ARE THEY DOING WHAT IS UNLAWFUL ON THE SABBATH?"

25 HE ANSWERED, "HAVE YOU NEVER READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE HUNGRY AND IN NEED? 26 IN THE DAYS OF ABIAHAR THE HIGH PRIEST, HE ENTERED THE HOUSE OF GOD AND ATE THE CONSECRATED BREAD, WHICH IS LAWFUL ONLY FOR PRIESTS TO EAT, AND HE ALSO GAVE SOME TO HIS COMPANIONS." 27 THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT MAN FOR THE SABBATH. 28 SO THE SON OF MAN IS LORD EVEN OF THE SABBATH."

**JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH**  
1 ANOTHER TIME JESUS WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE, AND A MAN WITH A SHRIVELED HAND WAS THERE. 2 SOME OF THEM WERE LOOKING FOR A REASON TO ACCUSE JESUS, SO THEY WATCHED HIM CLOSELY TO SEE IF HE WOULD HEAL HIM ON THE SABBATH. 3 JESUS SAID TO THE MAN WITH THE SHRIVELED HAND, "STAND UP IN FRONT OF THE CROWD." 4 THEN JESUS ASKED THEM, "IS IT LAWFUL ON THE SABBATH TO DO GOOD OR TO DO EVIL, TO SAVE A LIFE OR TO KILL?" BUT THEY REMAINED SILENT.

5 THEN JESUS LOOKED AROUND AT THEM IN ANGER AND, DEEPLY DISTRESSED, HE SAID TO THE MAN, "STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND." 6 HE STRETCHED IT OUT, AND HIS HAND WAS COMPLETELY RESTORED. 7 THEN THE PHARISES WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO PLOT WITH THE HERODIANS HOW THEY MIGHT KILL JESUS.

**CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS**  
JESUS WENT FROM GALILEE THROUGH GALILEE, PEREA, AND JUDAEA. HE WAS DOING MANY GOOD THINGS AMONG THE PEOPLE. HE WENT TO NAZARETH, HIS HOMETOWN, AND TAUGHT IN THE SYNAGOGUE. AS USUAL, HE WOULD BEGAIN TO TEACH, AND THEY WOULD SAY TO HIM, "HOW DOES HE DO THIS? HE HAS NO SIGN, AND WE HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS MAN DO THESE THINGS HERE!"

13 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THIS PARABLE? HOW THEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND ANY PARABLE? IF A FARMER SOWS THE WORD, 15 SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SEED ALONG THE PATH, WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, SA COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD THAT WAS SOWN IN THEM. 16 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON ROCKY PLACES, HEAR THE WORD AT ONCE RECEIVE IT WITH JOY. 17 BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO ROOT, THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION COMES, THEY FALL AWAY. 18 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD, 19 BUT THE THORNS GROW UP WITH THEM, CHOKING THEM. 20 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL, HEAR THE WORD, ACCEPT IT, AND PRODUCE A CROP — SOME THIRTY, SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

21 HE SAID TO THEM, "DO YOU BRING IN A LAMP TO PUT IT UNDER A BOWL OR A BED? INSTEAD, DON'T YOU PUT IT ON ITS STAND? 22 WHATEVER IS HIDDEN IS MEANT TO BE DISCLOSED, AND WHAT IS CONCEALED IS MEANT TO BE BROUGHT OUT INTO THE OPEN. 23 ANYONE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM HEAR."  
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IF A MAN'S KINGDOM IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT HOUSE CANNOT STAND. 8 AND IF SATAN OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS DIVIDED AGAINST HIMSELF, HE CANNOT STAND. HIS END HAS COME. 27 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TYING HIM UP. 28 THEN HE CAN PLUNDER THE STRONG MAN'S HOUSE. 28 TRYING I TELL YOU, PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS AND EVERY SLANDER UTTERED AGAINST THEM. 29 BUT WHOEVER BLASPHEMES AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN, THEY ARE GUILTY OF AN ETHERNAL SIN. 30 HE SAID THIS BECAUSE THEY WERE SAYING, "HE HAS AN IMPURE SPIRIT."  
31 THEN JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARRIVED, STANDING OUTSIDE. THEY SENT SOMEONE IN TO CALL HIM. 32 A CROWD WAS SITTING AROUND HIM, AND THEY TOLD HIM, "YOUR MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARE OUTSIDE LOOKING FOR YOU."  
33 "WHO ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS?" HE ASKED. 34 THEN HE LOOKED AT THOSE SEATED IN A CIRCLE AROUND HIM AND SAID, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS! 35 WHOEVER GOD'S WILL IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER."

**THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER**  
4 AGAIN JESUS BEGAN TO TEACH BY THE LAKE. THE CROWD THAT GATHERED AROUND HIM WAS SO LARGE THAT HE GOT INTO A BOAT AND SAT IN IT OUT ON THE LAKE, WHILE ALL THE PEOPLE WERE ALONG THE SHORE AT THE WATER'S EDGE. 2 HE TAUGHT THEM MANY THINGS BY PARABLES, AND IN HIS TEACHING SAID: 3 "LISTEN! A FARMER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED. 4 AS HE WAS SCATTERING SEED, SOME FELL ALONG THE PATH, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND EAT IT UP. 5 SOME FELL ON ROCKY PLACES, WHERE IT DID NOT HAVE MUCH SOIL. IT SPRANG UP QUICKLY, BECAUSE THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW. 6 WHEN THE SUN CAME UP, THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED AND WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. 7 OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS, SO THAT THEY DID NOT BEAR GRAIN. 8 STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL. IT CAME UP, GREW AND PRODUCED A CROP, SOME MULTIPLYING THIRTY TIMES, SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES."

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5 NOW SOME TEACHERS OF THE LAW WERE SITTING THERE, THINKING TO THEMSELVES, "WHY DOES THIS FELLOW TALK LIKE THAT? HE IS BLASPHEMING! WHO CAN FORGIVE SINNERS BUT GOD ALONE?"

3 IMMEDIATELY JESUS KNEW IN HIS SPIRIT THAT THIS WAS WHAT THEY WERE THINKING IN THEIR HEARTS, AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE YOU THINKING THESE THINGS? 4 WHICH IS EASIER, TO SAY TO THIS PARALYZED MAN, 'YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN,' OR TO SAY, 'GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK?' 5 BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINNERS." SO HE SAID TO THE MAN, "GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO HOME." 6 HE GOT UP, TOOK HIS MAT, AND WALKED OUT IN FULL VIEW OF THEM ALL. THIS AMAZED EVERYONE AND THEY PRAISED GOD, SAYING, "WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!"

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13 JESUS WENT UP ON A MOUNTAINSIDE AND CALLED TO HIM THOSE HE WANTED, AND THEY CAME TO HIM. 14 HE APPOINTED TWELVE THAT THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO PREACH AND TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS. 15 THESE ARE THE TWELVE HE APPOINTED: SIMON (TO WHOM HE GAVE THE NAME PETER), 16 JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN (TO THEM HE GAVE THE NAME BOANERGES, WHICH MEANS "SONS OF THUNDER"), 17 ANDREW, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW (THE TAX COLLECTOR), THOMAS, JUDAS ISCARIOT WHO BETRAYED HIM, 18 JESUS ACCUSED BY HIS FAMILY AND BY TEACHERS OF THE LAW. 19 THEN JESUS ENTERED A HOUSE, AND AGAIN A CROWD GATHERED SO THAT HE AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO EAT. 21 WHEN HIS FAMILY HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WENT TO TAKE CHARGE OF HIM, FOR THEY SAID, "HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND." 22 AND THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WHO CAME DOWN FROM JERUSALEM SAID, "HE IS POSSESSED BY BEELZEBUL, BY THE PRINCE OF DEMONS. HE IS DRIVING OUT DEMONS."

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"THEY MAY BE EVER SEEING BUT NEVER PERCEIVING, EVER HEARING BUT NEVER UNDERSTANDING, OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT TURN AND BE FORGIVEN!"

13 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THIS PARABLE? HOW THEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND ANY PARABLE? THE FARMER SOWS THE SEED, 14 SO SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SEED ALONG THE PATH, WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, SATAN COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD THAT WAS SOWN IN THEM. 15 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON ROCKY PLACES, HEAR THE WORD AT ONCE RECEIVE IT WITH JOY. 16 BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO ROOT, THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY. 17 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD, BUT THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH AND THE LUSTS OF THE FLESH CHOKE THE WORD, SO IT DOES NOT TAKE ROOT. 18 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL, HEAR THE WORD, ACCEPT IT, AND PRODUCE A CROP—SOME THIRTY, SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

21 WHEN HIS FAMILY HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WENT TO TAKE CHARGE OF HIM, FOR THEY SAID, "HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND." 22 AND THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WHO CAME DOWN FROM JERUSALEM SAID, "HE IS POSSESSED BY BEELZEBUL, BY THE PRINCE OF DEMONS. HE IS DRIVING OUT DEMONS."

23 SO JESUS CALLED THEM OVER TO HIM AND BEGAN TO SPEAK TO THEM IN PARABLES, "HOW CAN SATAN DRIVE OUT SATAN? 24 IF A

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God's greatest gift is? ---

# GOD'S WORD

Blepete ti akouete –

“be seeing with understanding  
what you are hearing”

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# HOW TO LISTEN

## Listen OBEDIENTLY

## Listen APPRECIATIVELY

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# HOW TO LISTEN

# Listen DEPENDENTLY

Seed is buried to come to life

Truth is shared and God gives new life

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## Listen CONFIDENTLY

### The mustard tree???

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# The birds (Ezekiel 17 & Daniel 4) or

## Mark 4:4

And as he sowed, some seed fell  
along the path, and the birds came  
and devoured it.

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# The birds

Mark 4:15 And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.

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# Nations will come False teachers among the branches

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# Thank you, Father, for giving to us PENTECOST EARS

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