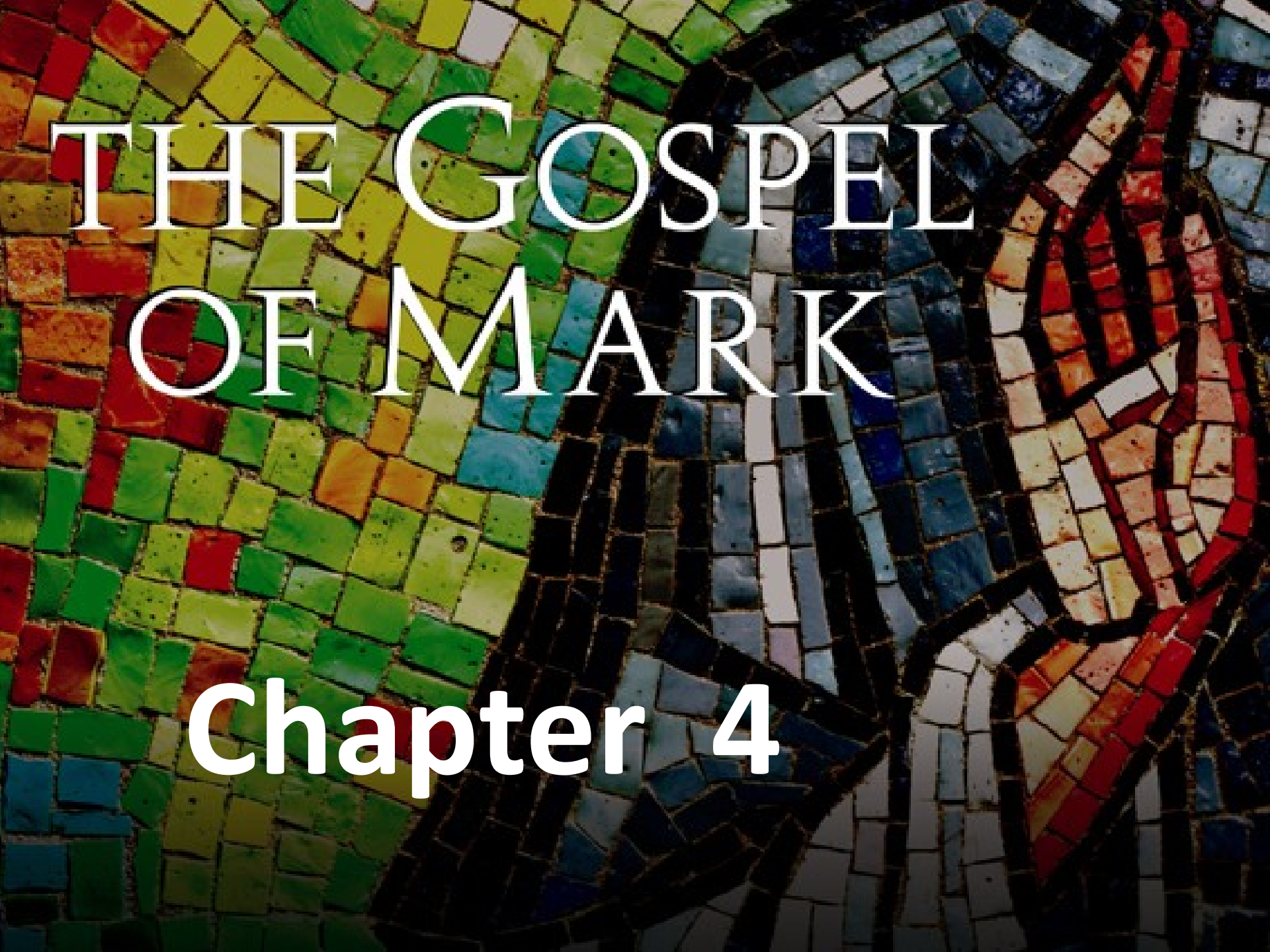




THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Chapter 4

And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

— Mark 4:1 (KJV)



**And he taught them many things by
parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,
— Mark 4:2 (KJV)**



**The Parable of the
Sower**



**The Purpose
and History of
the Parables**



**A Lamp under a
Bushel Basket**



**The Parable of
the Growing Seed**

The Gospel of Mark

Chapter 4:1-9



**The Parable of the
Mustard Seed**



**The Use of
Parables**



**Jesus Calms
a Storm on
the Sea**

**Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to
sow:**

— Mark 4:3 (KJV)



**And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell
by the way side, and the fowls of the air
came and devoured it up.**

— Mark 4:4 (KJV)



Path



And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:
— Mark 4:5 (KJV)



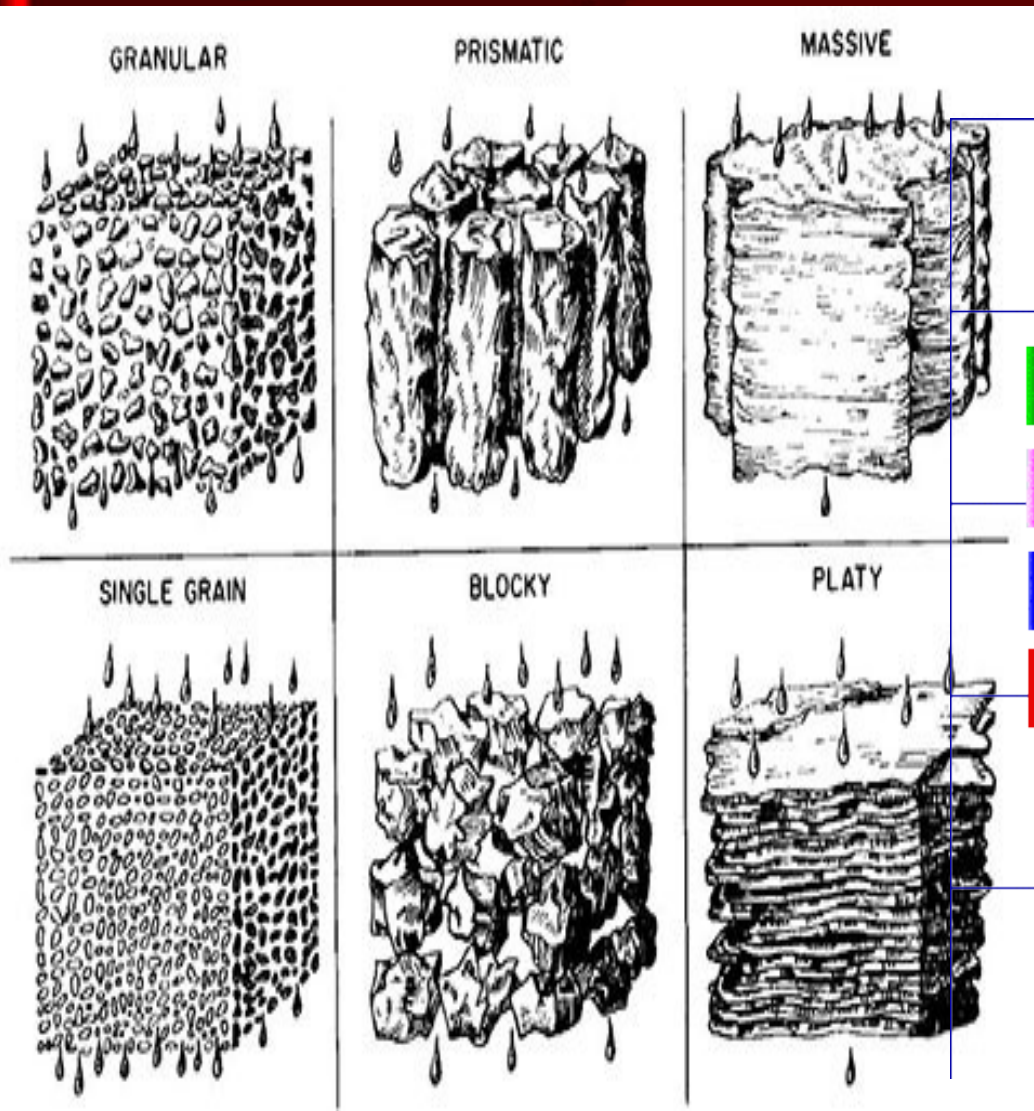
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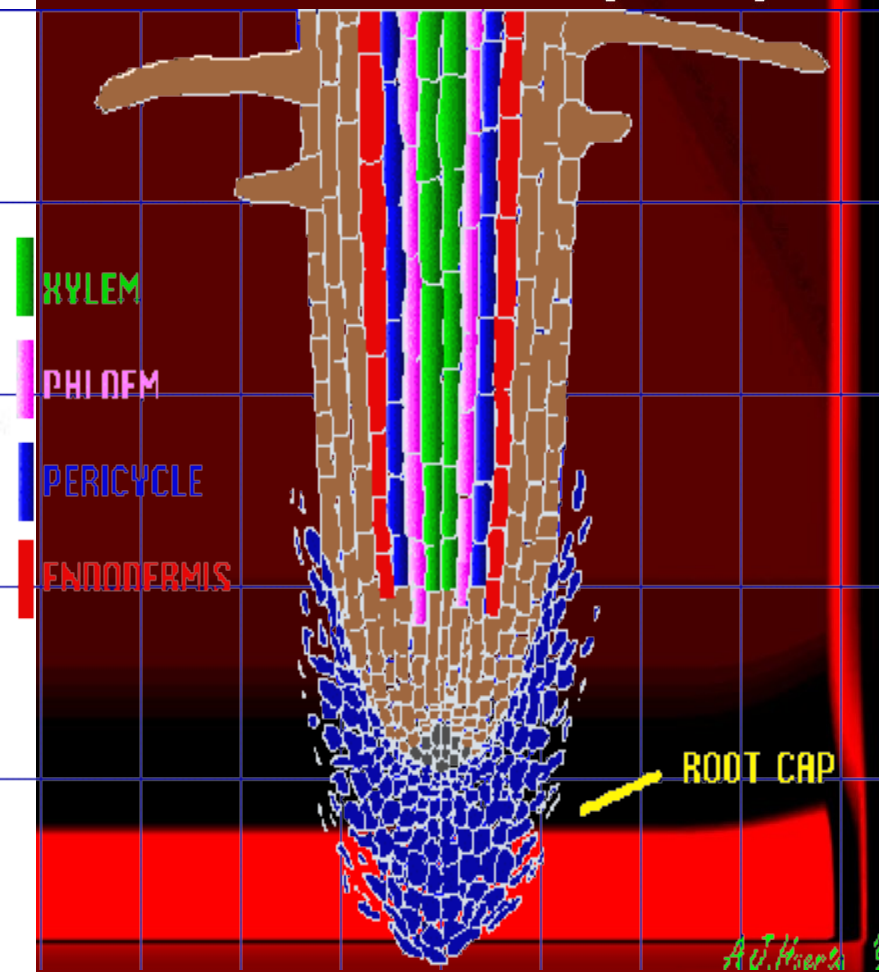
Rocky



**But when the sun was up, it was scorched;
and because it had no root, it withered
away.**



— Mark 4:6 (KJV)



**And some fell among thorns, and the thorns
grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no
fruit.**

— Mark 4:7 (KJV)



Thorns



And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

– Mark 4:8 (KJV)

Good



And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

— Mark 4:9 (KJV)



And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

— Mark 4:10 (KJV)



And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

— Mark 4:11 (KJV)

So, What Is the Kingdom of God?

The Bible is clear that the Kingdom of God is a literal government that will be established on earth. The Kingdom of God will contain the four essential components of a real kingdom.



When the Kingdom of God rules over the earth,

THE NATURE OF WILD ANIMALS WILL BE CHANGED to make them docile (Isaiah 11:6-9).

The Kingdom of God will be **ESTABLISHED ON EARTH** at the second coming of Jesus Christ (Revelation 11:15; 19:15).

The Kingdom of God is a **FUTURE REALITY**. It is not here yet (Matthew 6:10; John 18:36).

KING DAVID WILL RULE over the 12 tribes of Israel (Jeremiah 30:9). Each tribe will be governed by one of the 12 apostles (Matthew 19:28).

**That seeing they may see, and not perceive;
and hearing they may hear, and not
understand; lest at any time they should be
converted, and their sins should be forgiven
them.**

— Mark 4:12 (KJV)

Otherwise they might change their ways and be forgiven.



And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

— Mark 4:13 (KJV)

Parable of the Sower Gateway to All Parables

Understanding
Parable of the Sower



Properly Positions
Hearers to Understand



All God's Parables



Mark 4:13: And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?".

The sower soweth the word.

— Mark 4:14 (KJV)

If you don't like
your harvest
change the seeds
you are planting

What it means

Sower : *Witnessing The Gospel*

Seed : *The Word of God*

And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

The Hard Soil . . .



— Mark 4:15 (KJV)

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.

The hard heart which says, "Not interested! Not now, not ever!"

What it means

Sower : *Witnessing The Gospel*

Seed : *The Word of God*

Soil : *Response*

Birds : *The Enemy*

And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

— Mark 4:16 (KJV)



And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

Mark 4:17 (KJV)



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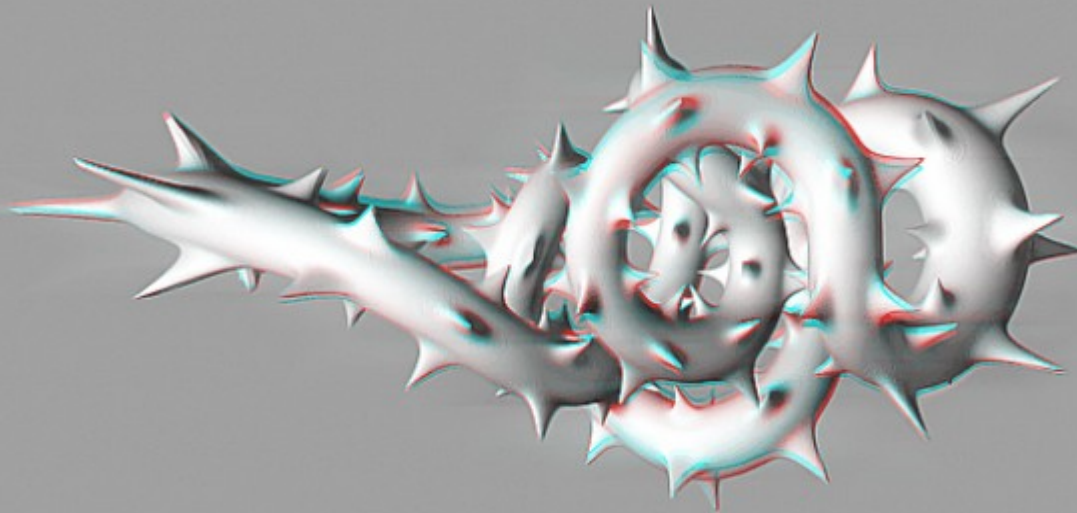
Withering Away : *In the face of temptation*

And these are they which are sown among
thorns; such as hear the word,
— Mark 4:18 (KJV)

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT
HEAR
THE WORD OF GOD,
HOLY BIBLE
AND
KEEP IT.

- Jesus (Luke 11:28)

emoover



And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Parable of the Sower Resisting & Reasoning

Excessive concern for wealth & worries of life lead many to resist and reject God, like a plant choked by thorns.

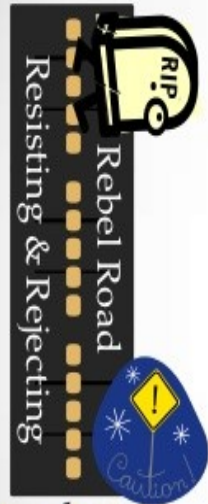
Worries of Life



Deceitfulness of Wealth



Concerns Choke
Unfruitful



Concerns Choke
Making Unfruitful

Mark 4:19 (KJV)



What it means

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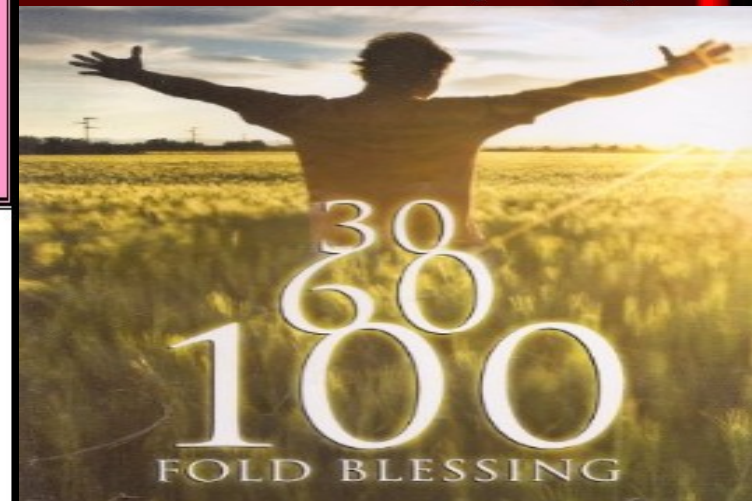
Birds : *The Enemy*

Withering Away : *In the face of temptation*

Thorns : *The cares and riches of the world*

And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

Mark 4:20 (KJV)



What it means

Sower : *Witnessing The Gospel*

Seed : *The Word of God*

Soil : *Response*

Birds : *The Enemy*

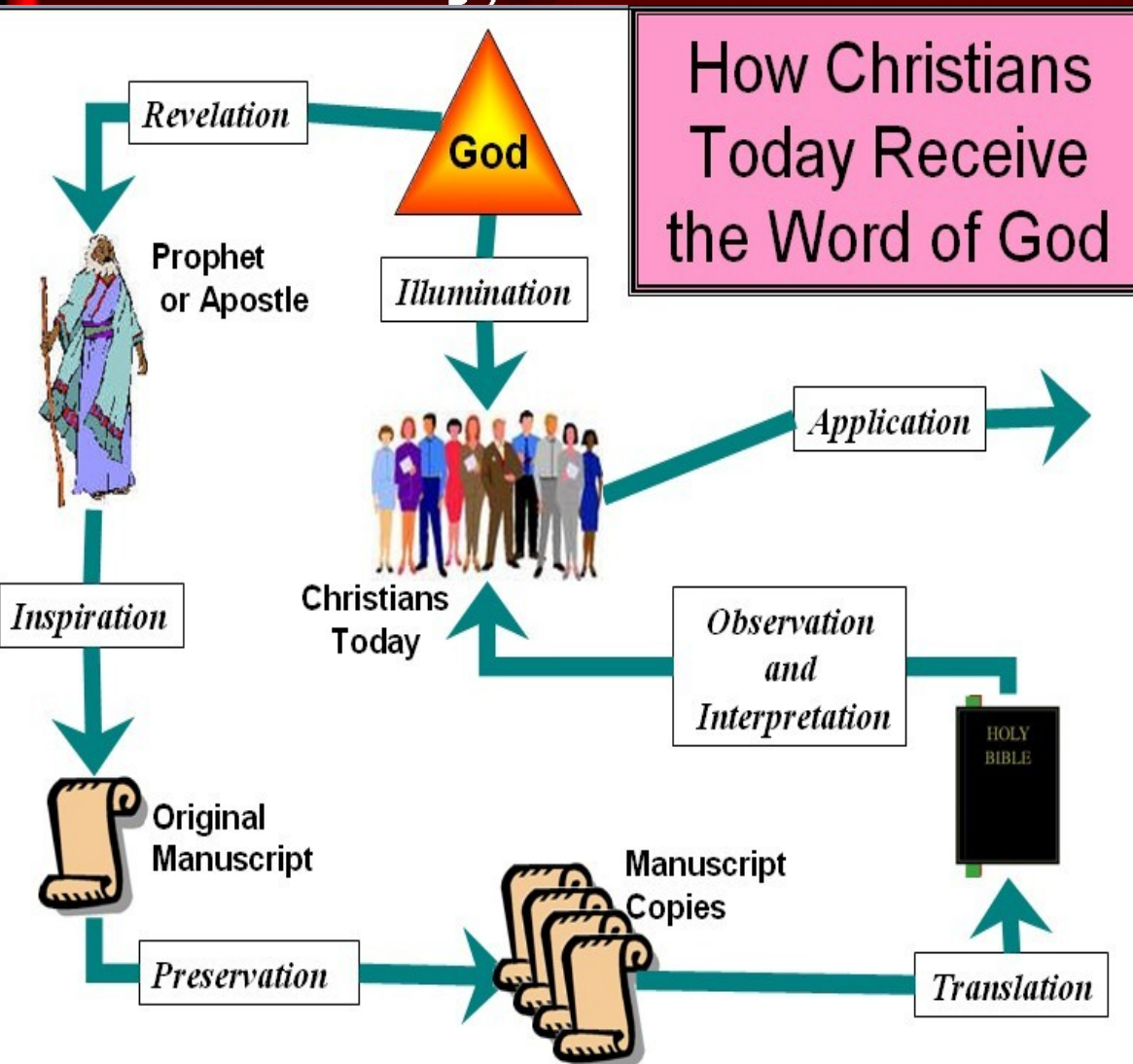
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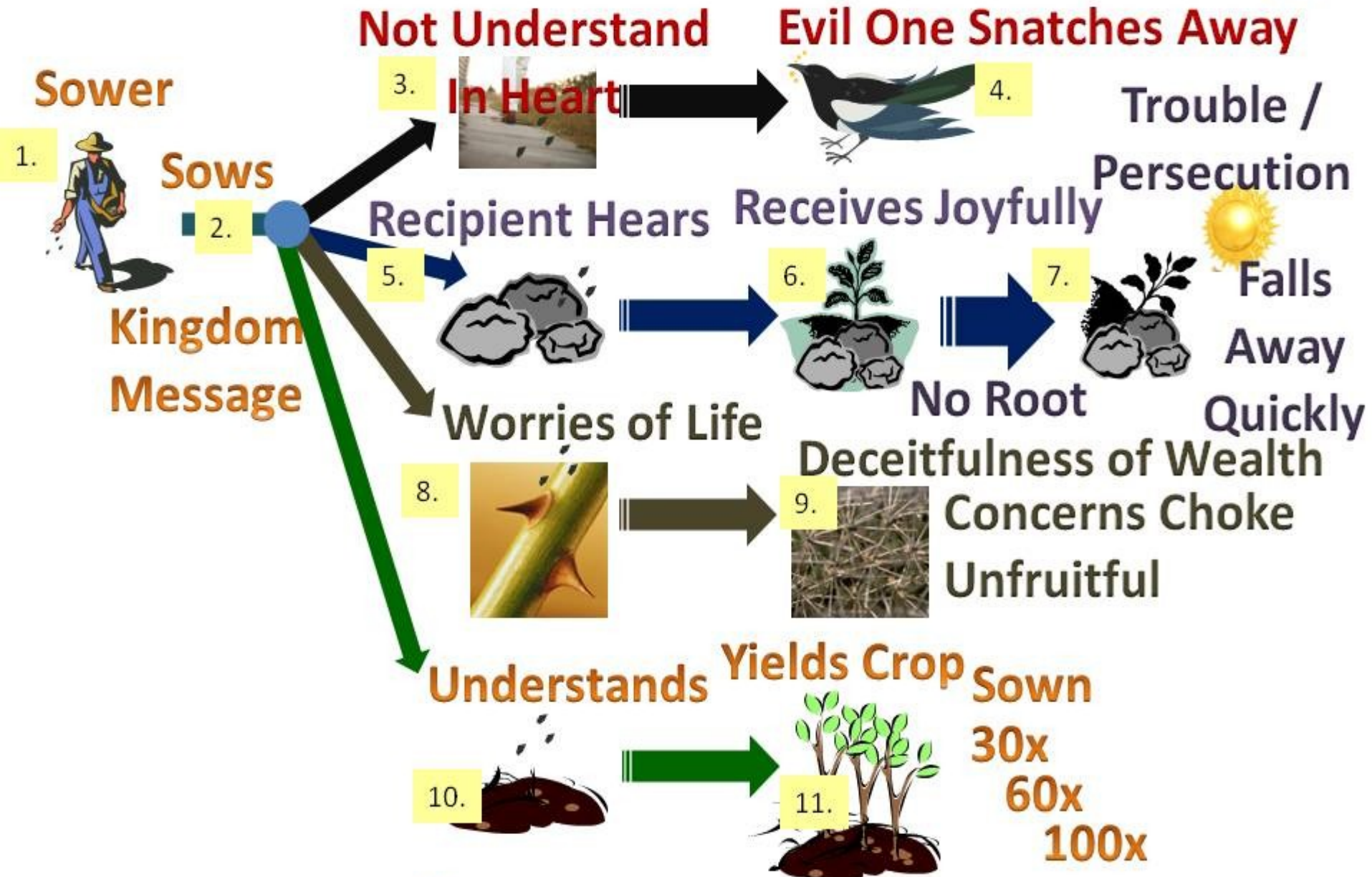
Growth : *Spiritual Growth*

Fruit Bearing : *The Fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22)*

**How Christians
Today Receive
the Word of God**

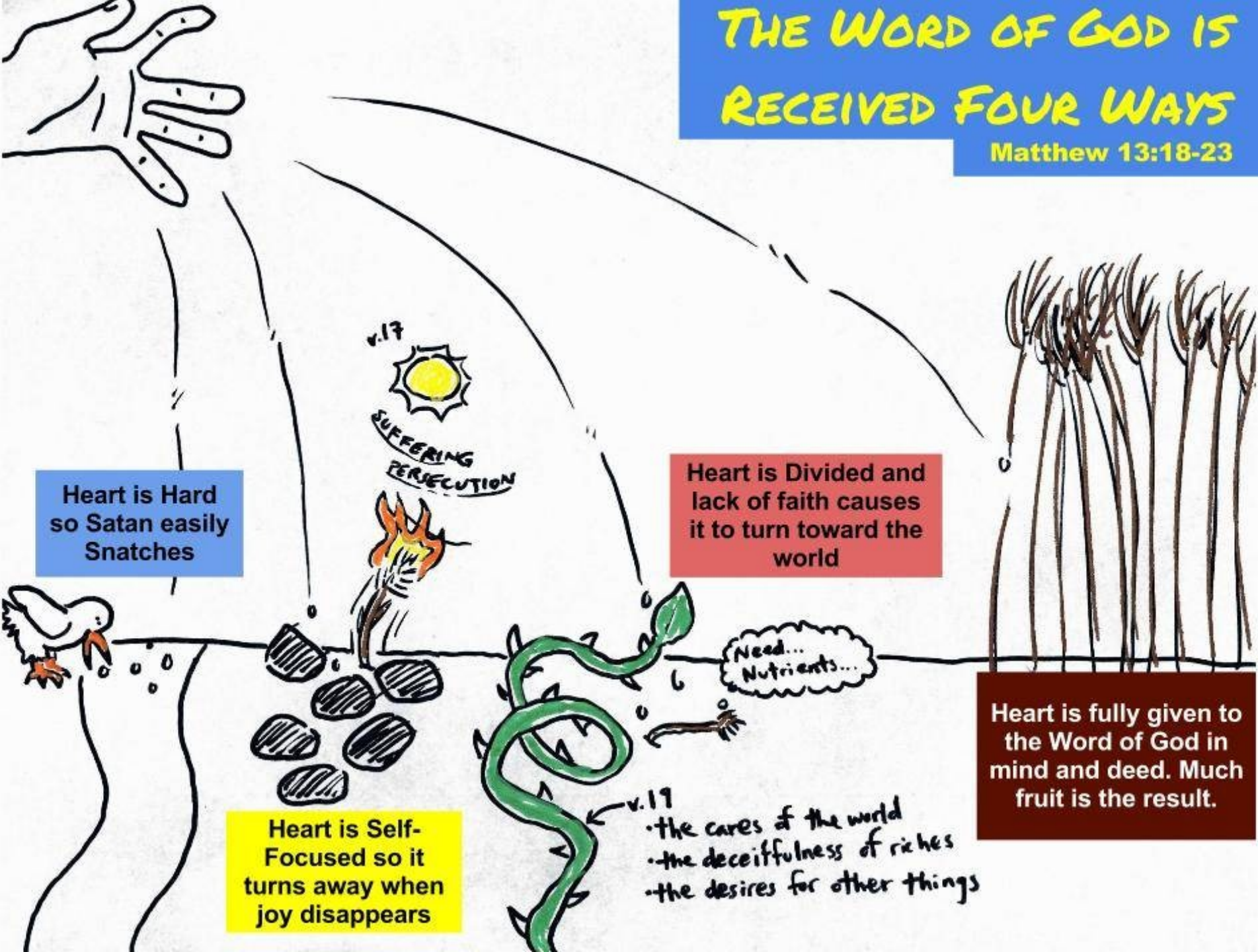


Parable of the Sower Meaning



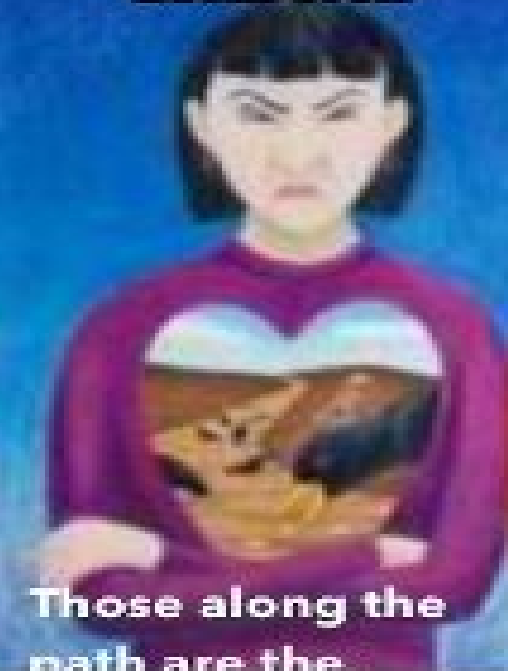
THE WORD OF GOD IS RECEIVED FOUR WAYS

Matthew 13:18-23



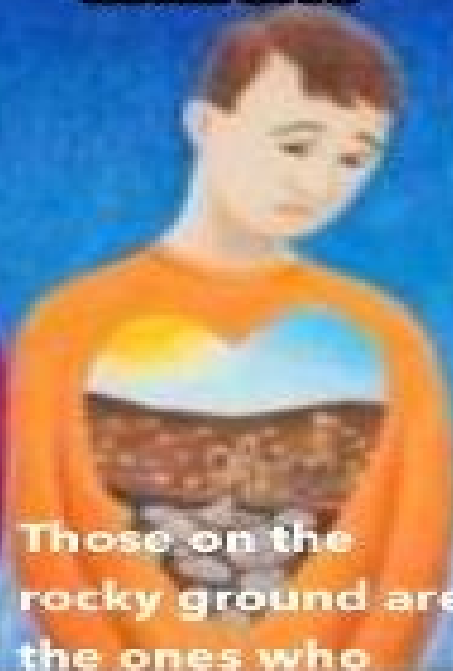
PARABLE OF THE SOWER

LUKE 8:12



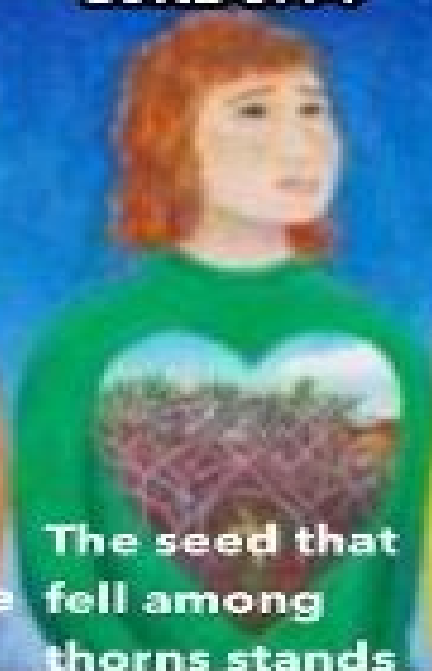
Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

LUKE 8:13



Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

LUKE 8:14



The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

LUKE 8:15



But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

**And he said unto them, Is a candle brought
to be put under a bushel, or under a bed?
and not to be set on a candlestick?**

— Mark 4:21 (KJV)



For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

— Mark 4:22 (KJV)

Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

— Matthew 10:26 (KJV)

For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

— Luke 12:2 (KJV)

For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

— Luke 8:17 (KJV)

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Translations



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NIV

For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open.

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NLT

For everything that is hidden will eventually be brought into the open, and every secret will be brought to light.

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NKJV

"For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light.

If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.
— Mark 4:23 (KJV)



And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

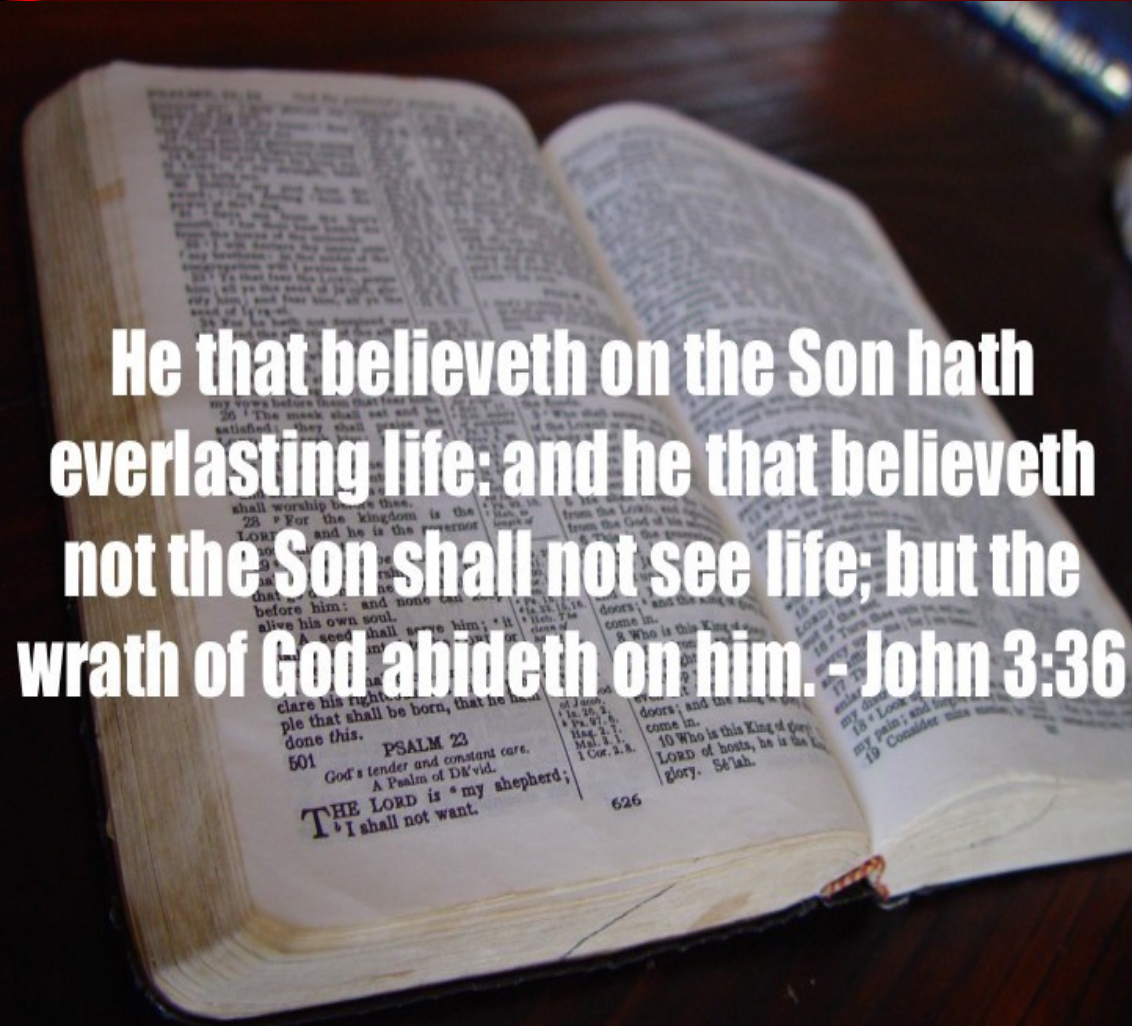
— Mark 4:9 (KJV)

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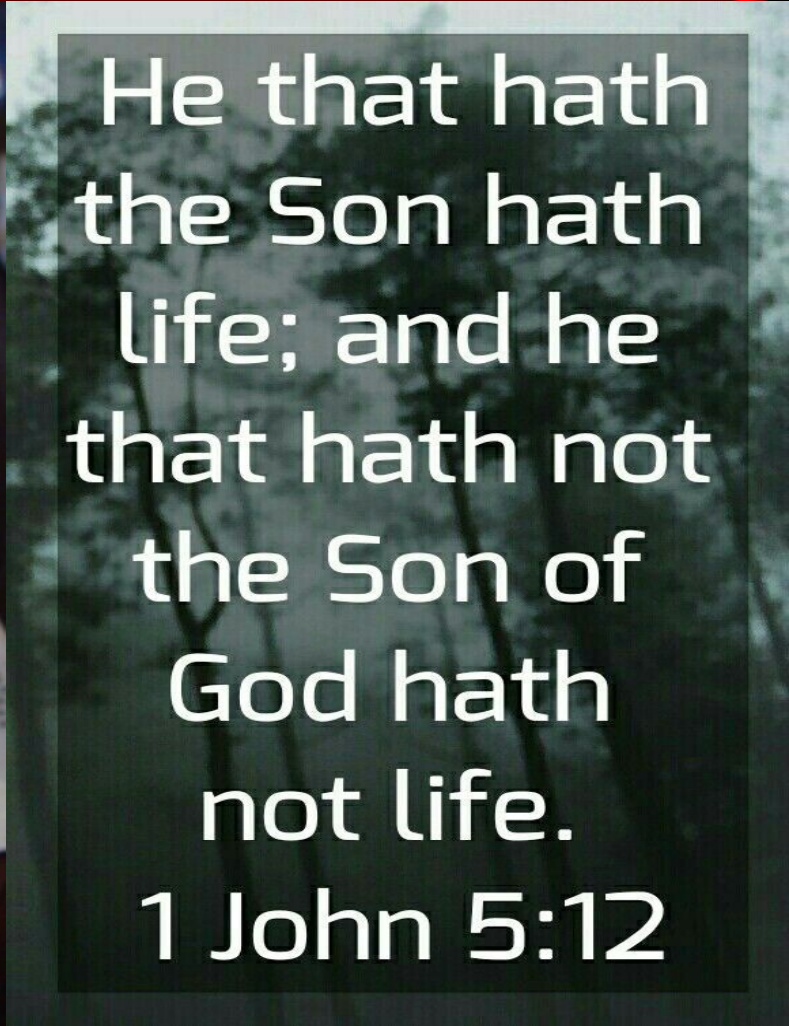
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For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

— Mark 4:25 (KJV)

An open Bible is shown, resting on a dark surface. The pages are filled with text, and a blue pen lies on the right page. Overlaid on the left page is a large, bold, white text block.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. - John 3:36

A background image of trees with a dark, moody atmosphere. Overlaid on the right side is a large, bold, white text block.

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

1 John 5:12

**And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if
a man should cast seed into the ground;
— Mark 4:26 (KJV)**



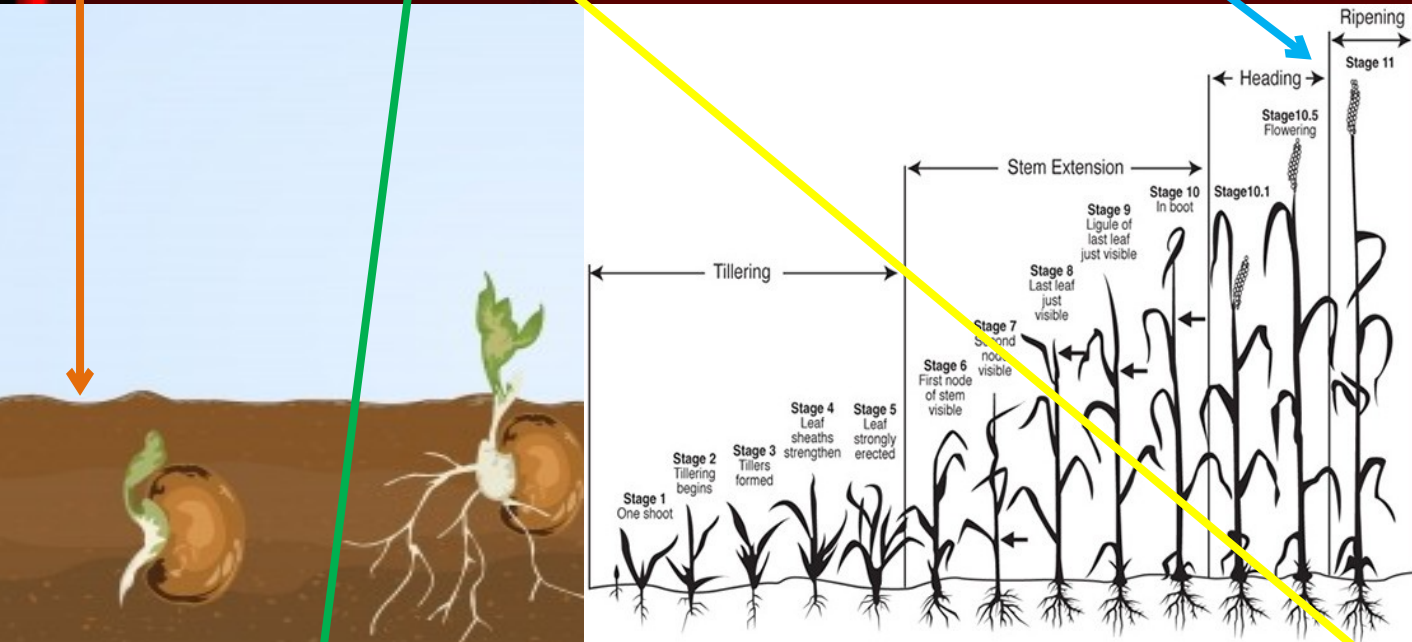
**And should sleep, and rise night and day,
and the seed should spring and grow up, he
knoweth not how.**

— Mark 4:27 (KJV)



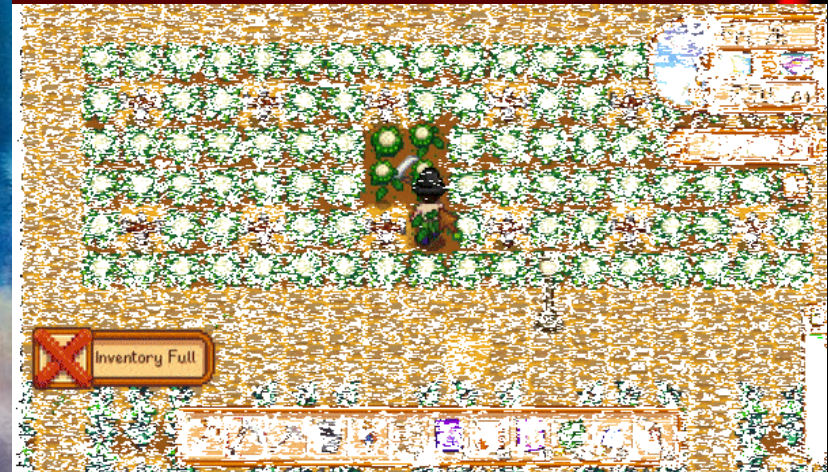
**For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself;
first the blade, then the ear, after that the
full corn in the ear.**

— Mark 4:28 (KJV)



**But when the fruit is brought forth,
immediately he putteth in the sickle,
because the harvest is come.**

— Mark 4:29 (KJV)



And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

— Mark 4:30 (KJV)



It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

— Mark 4:31 (KJV)

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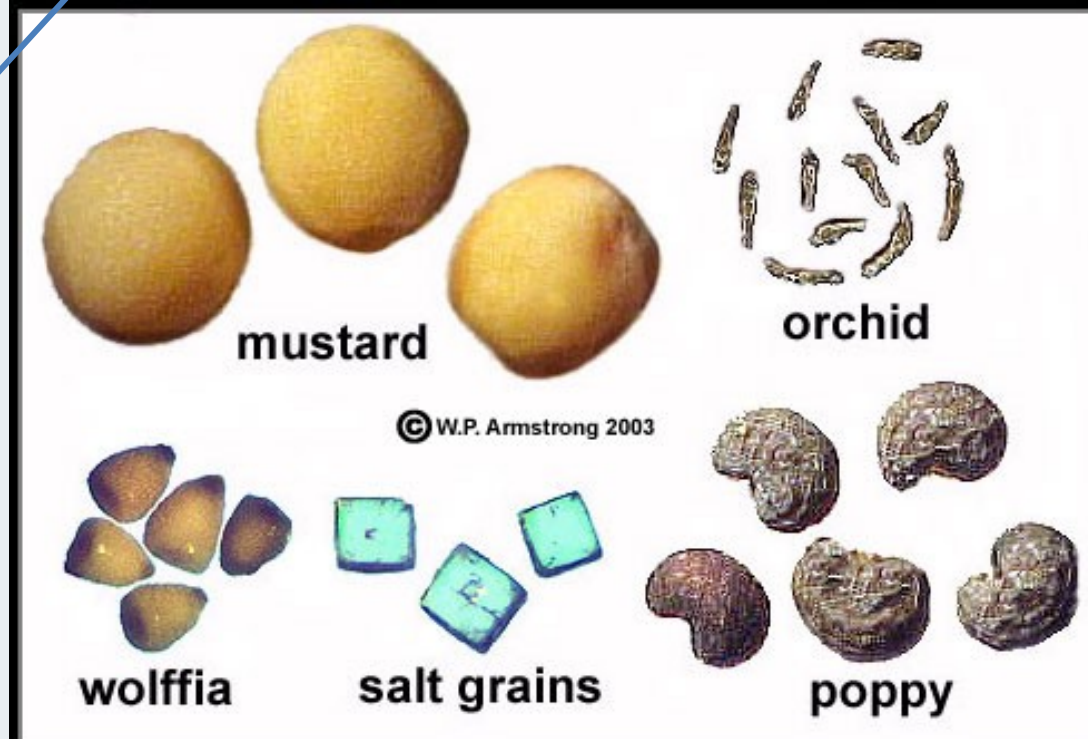
Outline of Biblical Usage:

1. small, little
 1. of size: hence of stature, of length
 2. of space
 3. of age: less by birth, younger
 4. of time: short, brief, a little while, how little!
 5. of quantity: i.e. number, amount
 6. of rank or influence

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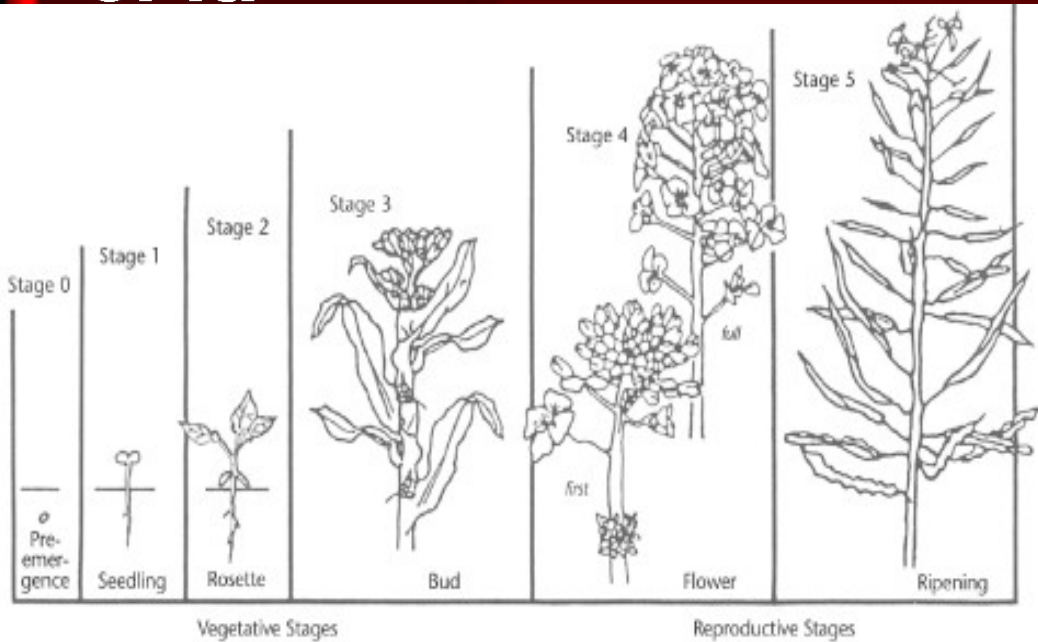
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Strong's Definitions: μικρός mikrós, mik-ros'; apparently a primary word; small (in size, quantity, number or (figuratively) dignity):—least, less, little, small.

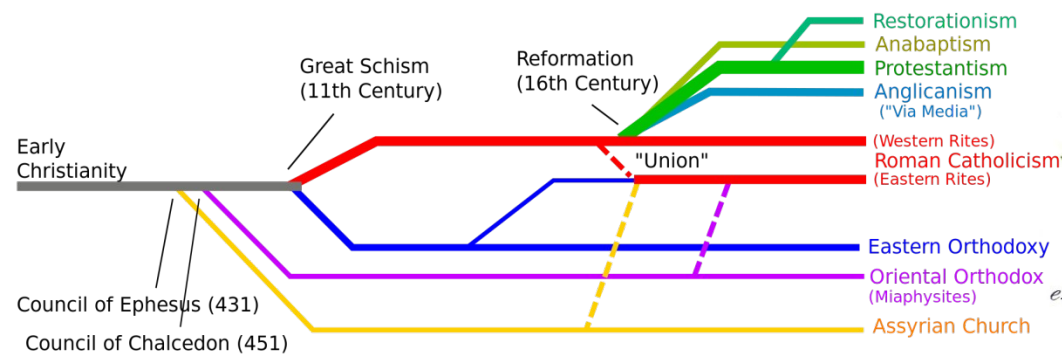


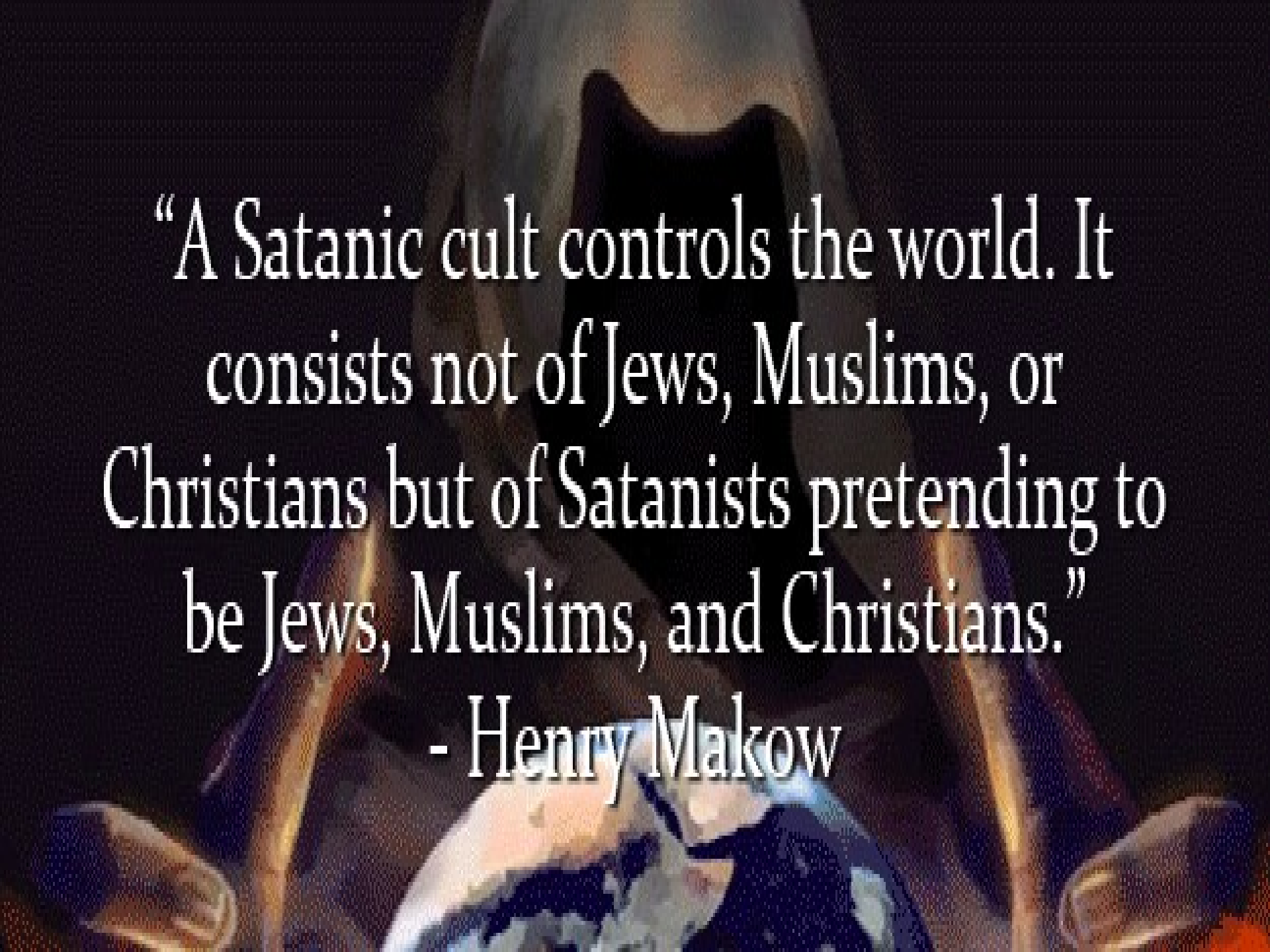
But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

— Mark 4:32 (KJV)



Major branches within Christianity



A dark, atmospheric illustration. In the center, a figure in a black robe stands on a globe. The figure's face is obscured by a dark mask or shadow. The figure's arms are outstretched, and flames or fire emanate from the hands. The background is dark and textured, with a large, dark, skeletal figure visible in the upper center. The overall mood is ominous and sinister.

“A Satanic cult controls the world. It consists not of Jews, Muslims, or Christians but of Satanists pretending to be Jews, Muslims, and Christians.”

- Henry Makow

**And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.
— Mark 4:33 (KJV)**



	Tares and Wheat	Mustard Tree	Leaven Loaf	Hidden Treasure	Great Pearl	The Dragnet	Marks of a Disciple	Jesus Calms the Sea	Legions of Demons	Jarius' Daughter Healed
Matthew	 13:24-30, 36-43	 13:31-32	 13:33-35	 13:44	 13:45-46	 13:47-50	 13:51-53	 8:18, 23-27	 8:28-34	 9:18-26
Mark		 4:30-32	 4:33-34					 4:35-41	 5:1-20	 5:21-43
Luke								 8:22-25	 8:26-39	 8:40-56

Parables of Jesus:

Book	Text	Parable
Matthew	13:45-46	<u>Merchant Seeking Pearls</u>
John	10:1-5	<u>Good Shepherd</u>
Matthew	13:3-10	<u>The Sower</u>
Matthew	13:44	<u>Treasure Hid in a Field</u>
Matthew	22:1-15	<u>King's Son</u>
Luke	15:3-7	<u>Lost Sheep</u>
Matthew	13:31-32	<u>Grain of Mustard Seed</u>
Luke	18:1-8	<u>Unjust Judge</u>
Matthew	18:23-35	<u>King accounts Servants</u>
Luke	7:41-43	<u>Creditor with Two Debtors</u>
Matthew	7:24-28	<u>The Wise and the Foolish</u>
Matthew	21:28-32	<u>Man with Two Sons</u>
Luke	16:19-31	<u>Rich Man and Lazarus</u>
Mark	4:26-29	<u>Casting Seed</u>
Luke	10:30-36	<u>Good Samaritan</u>
Matthew	25:14-30	<u>Talents: For Travelling Man</u>
Matthew	25:1-13	<u>Ten Virgins</u>
Luke	6:39-42	<u>Blind Leading Blind</u>
Luke	14:28-35	<u>Building a Tower</u>
Matthew	9:16-18	<u>New Cloth</u>
Luke	15:11-32	<u>Prodigal Son</u>
Luke	14:7-12	<u>Man Invited to Wedding</u>
Matthew	20:1-16	<u>Hired Labourers</u>
Matthew	13:47-50	<u>Net Cast into Sea</u>
Matthew	13:52	<u>Instructed Scribe</u>

But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

— Mark 4:34 (KJV)

BEFORE CHRIST

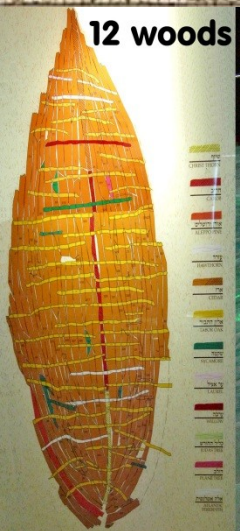
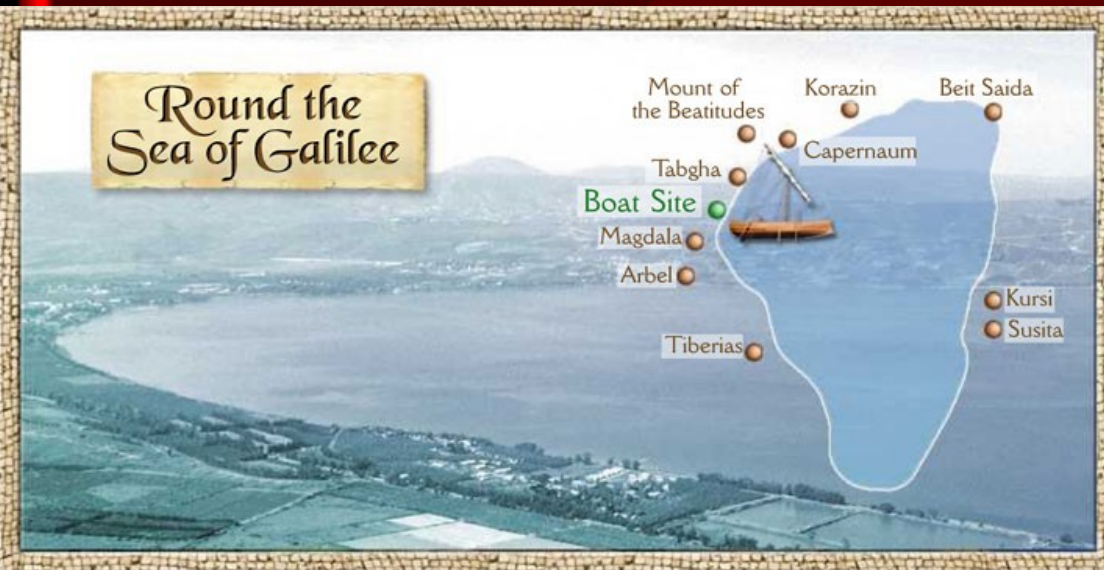


AFTER CHRIST



And the same day, when the even was come,
he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto
the other side.

— Mark 4:35 (KJV)



The Jesus Boat
Allon Museum, Sea of Galilee

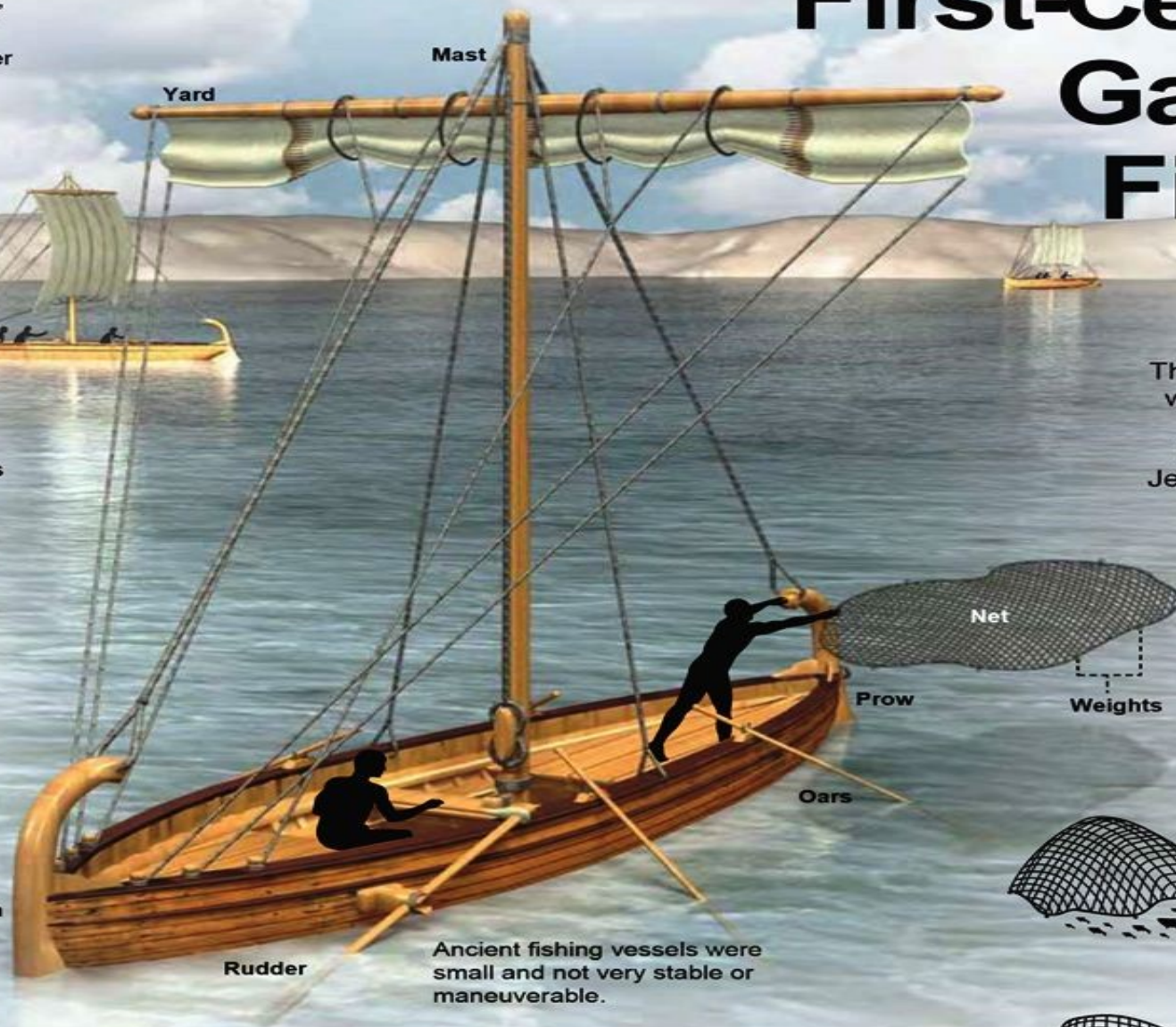


Sailboats of this period had only a mast and "yard," and were used near shore under favorable wind conditions.

The fishing technique of this period required that fishermen frequently dive into the water. Consequently, fishermen often worked without clothing (see John 21:7).

First-Century Galilean Fishing Boat

This type of small sailboat was very common in first century Galilee; it was likely the same kind that Jesus' first disciples used.



The cast net opens as it is thrown and hits the water mostly flat.

The weights on the perimeter of the net pull the edges down around the fish.

As the fisherman retrieves the net, the weights come together and trap the fish inside.

Size comparison (approximate):

School bus

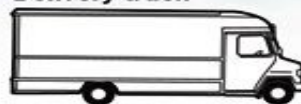


Length: 37 ft.



Length: 26 ft.

Delivery truck



Length: 27 ft.

12 woods



שיטה
CHRIST THORN

חרוב
CAROB

אור ירושלים
ALEPPO PINE

עוזר
HAWTHORN

ארז
CEDAR

אלון התבור
TABOR OAK

שקמה
SYCAMORE

ער אציל
LAUREL

ערבה
WILLOW

כליל התורש
JUDAS TREE

דולב
PLANE TREE

אלה אטלנטית
ATLANTIC TEREBINTH

12 סוגי העץ מהם בנויה הסירה

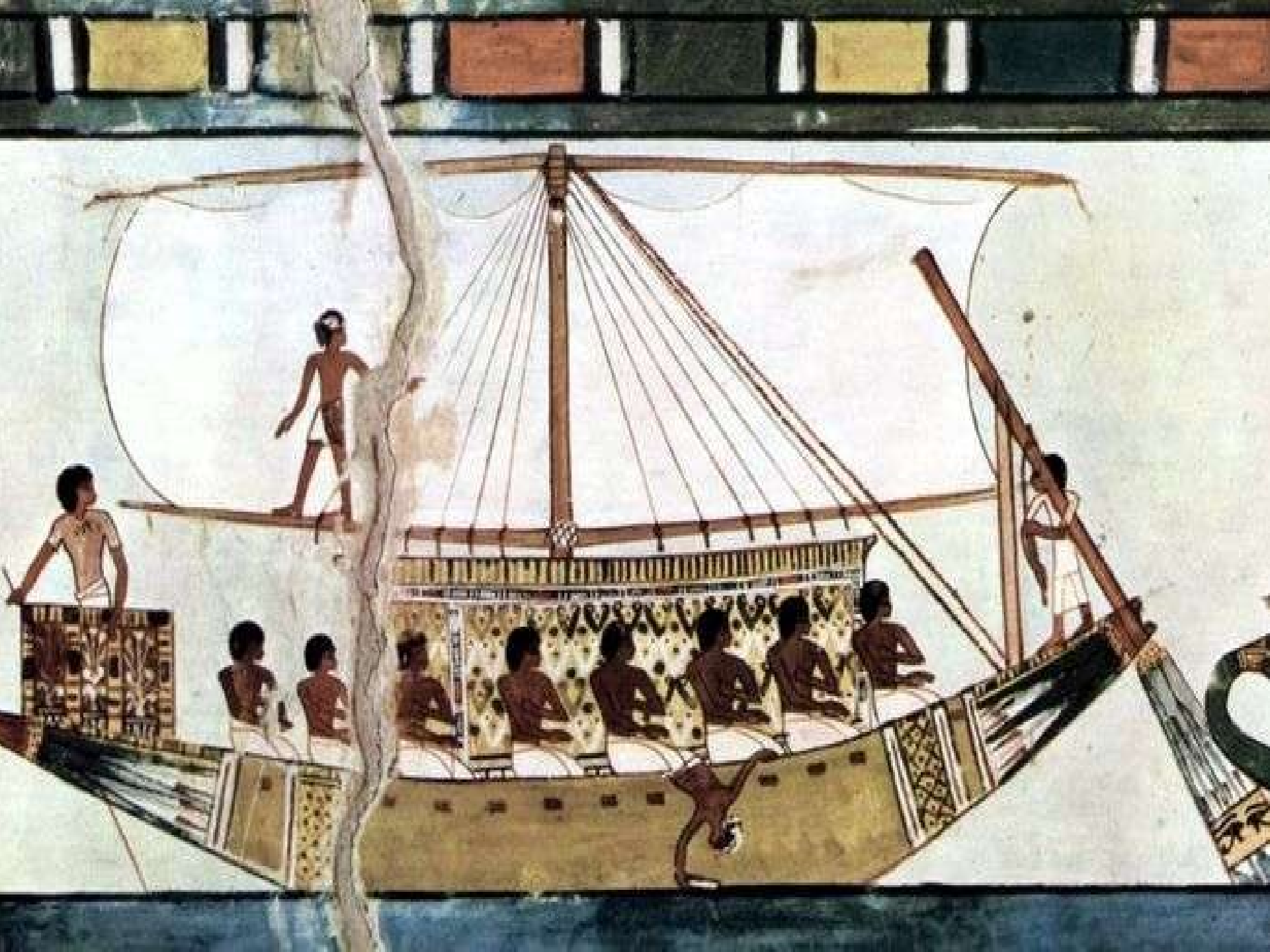
The 12 wood types that comprise the boat

**And when they had sent away the multitude,
they took him even as he was in the ship.
And there were also with him other little
ships.**

— Mark 4:36 (KJV)



Figures are not included



And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

— Mark 4:37 (KJV)



**And he was in the hinder part of the ship,
asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and
say unto him, Master, carest thou not that
we perish?**

— Mark 4:38 (KJV)



And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

— Mark 4:39 (KJV)



**And he said unto them, Why are ye so
fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?
— Mark 4:40 (KJV)**



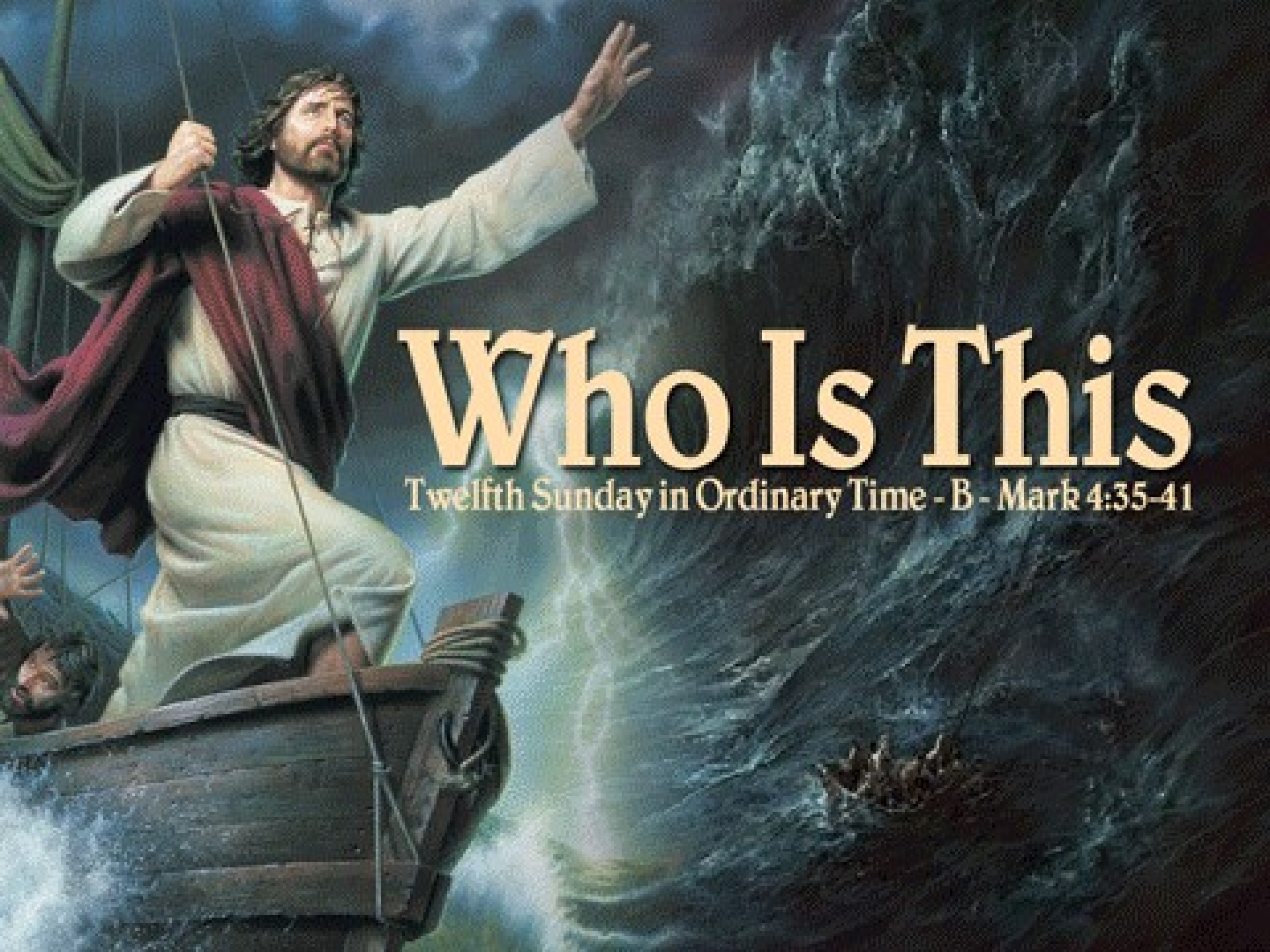
And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

— Mark 4:41 (KJV)

Psalm 107:23-32

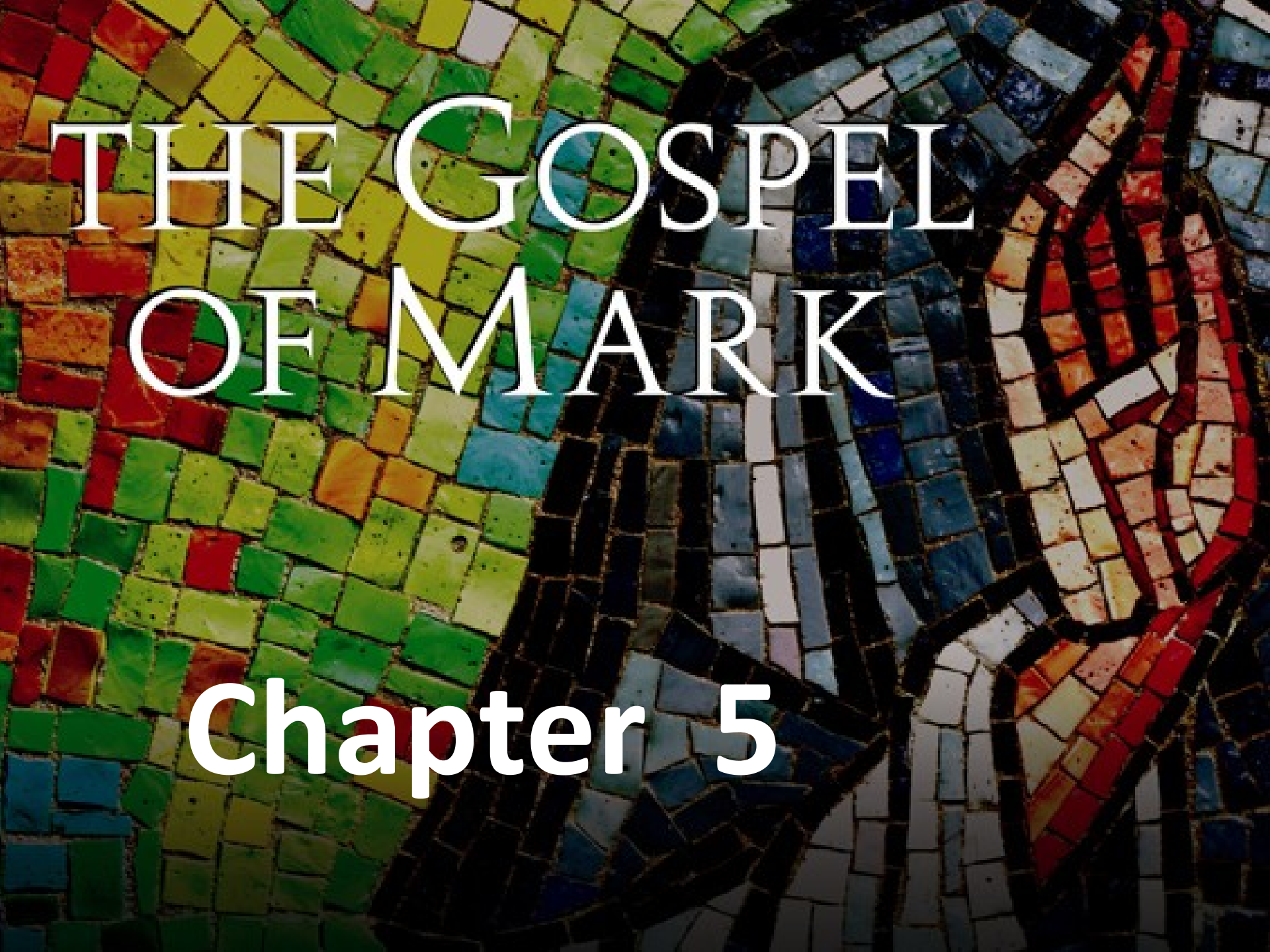
Those who go down to the sea in ships,
They see the works of the Lord,
And His wonders in the deep.
For He commands and raises the stormy wind,
Which lifts up the waves of the sea.
They mount up to the heavens,
They go down again to the depths;
Their soul melts because of trouble.
They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
And are at their wits' end.
Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble,
And He brings them out of their distresses.
He calms the storm,
So that its waves are still.
Then they are glad because they are quiet;
So He guides them to their desired haven.
Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people,
And praise Him in the company of the elders.





Who Is This

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B - Mark 4:35-41



THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Chapter 5