"Immediately:" The Gospel of Mark's Concise Guide to Following Jesus

"What Did Jesus Teach in Parables?"

Mark 4:21-34

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A major aspect of Jesus' public ministry was teaching. Even unbelievers can recognize Jesus as a good teacher. Jesus used many different methods to teach about the kingdom of God. One method he used frequently in his teaching was parables. The parables of Jesus are short illustrative narratives or points, often dealing with common ways of life, that upon further meditation, teach deeper spiritual truths about ourselves, God and his kingdom. These stories can often get past our guard and confront us in ways that simple imperatives do not. Parables are also able to probe our heart to see if we truly understand the gospel.

Jesus taught in parables to:

- _____ prophecy from the Old Testament. (Matt 13:34-35)

- _____ spiritual truth from the hardened hearts of the unbelieving crowds. (Mark 4:10-12; Matt 13:10-15)

- _____ the secrets of the kingdom of God to his genuine disciples. (Mark 4:10-11; Matt 13:10-12)