SERMON OUTLINE

The Power of God's Word Mark 4:21-34

- I. Jesus' parable of the lamp I want people to know Me through My word (4:21-23).
 - God wants to reveal truth to people, not hide it (truth about Christ, the Gospel, God's word).
- II. Jesus' parable of the measuring cup When you invest in My word I will teach you far more than you can imagine (4:24-25)!
 - God will give more knowledge of His word to those who seek and pursue it. We get out of God's word what we put in it.
- III. Jesus' parable of the seed growing When My word is sown, it works powerfully and invisibly to produce an eventual harvest (4:26-29).
 - We might not see the results now or even in our lifetime, but God's word grows silently and bears an eternal harvest.
- IV. Jesus' parable of the mustard plant My word and work is spreading widely and powerfully to the whole world (4:30-34)!
 - As God works through His word and His people, masses of people around the world are being changed for eternity.

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