

## The literary structure of Mark 4:1-34 Jesus' Kingdom Parables

- A. Jesus' use of parables - 4:1-2
  - B. The parable of the seed and the soils - 4:3-9
    - C. Understanding the parables - 4:10-13**
      - D. The interpretation of the seed and the soils - 4:14-20
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          - B<sup>1</sup>. Two seed parables - 4:26-32
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### C. Understanding the parables - 4:10-13

- a) **Understanding:** <sup>10</sup>And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.
  - b) **Insiders:** <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God,
  - b<sup>1</sup>) **Outsiders:** but for those outside everything is in parables, <sup>12</sup>so that "they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven."
- a<sup>1</sup>) **Understanding:** <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"

### C<sup>1</sup>. Understanding the parables - 4:21-25

- a) **Lamp parable:** <sup>21</sup>And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand?"
- aa) **Lesson "for":** <sup>22</sup>For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light.
  - b. **Hear:** <sup>23</sup>If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."
  - b<sup>1</sup>) **Hear:** <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear:
- a<sup>1</sup>) **Measure parable:** with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you.
- aa<sup>1</sup>) **Lesson "for":** <sup>25</sup>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."