

Mar 4:1-41 Reverse Parallelism



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1A) 4:1 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;

1B) 4:2 And **HE TAUGHT THEM MANY THINGS BY PARABLES**, and said to them in His teaching;

1C) 4:3-25 The **FIRST PARABLE OF THE SEED**;

1a.1) 4:3-8 **The parable of the sower:** Hear: Behold, there went out a sower to sow: 4 and it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the birds of the air came and devoured it up. 5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: 6 but when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. 8 And other fell on good ground, and yielded fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundredfold;

1a.2) 4:9 And He said to them: **He that has ears to hear, let him hear**;

1b) 4:10 And when He was alone, they that were with Him with the twelve **asked Him about the parable**;

central axis) 4:11-12 And He said to them: **To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to them that are outside, all these things are spoken in parables, 12 that in seeing they may see, and not perceive; and in hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them**;

2b) 4:13 And He said to them: **Do you not understand this parable?** And how then will you understand all the parables?

2a.1) 4:14-20 **The explanation of the parable of the sower:** The sower sows the word. 15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan comes immediately, and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. 16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 and the cares of this world,

and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundredfold;

2a.2) 4:21-25 He that has ears to hear, let him hear;

1a) 4:21-22 And He said to them: Is **a lamp brought** to be put under a bushel, or under a bed, and not **to be set on a lampstand**? 22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come to light;

1b) 4:23-24a If any man has ears to hear, **let him hear**. 24 And He said to them: Take heed what you hear;

central axis) 4:24b For with the measure you mete out, it shall be measured to you;

2b) 4:24c And to **you that hear** shall more be given;

2a) 4:25 For **he that has**, to him shall more be given: and he that has not, from him shall be taken even that which he has;

2C) 4:26-32 TWO MORE PARABLES OF THE SEED;

1a) 4:26-29 The second parable of the seed: And He said: So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; 27 and should sleep, and rise, night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knows not how. 28 For the earth brings forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. 29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest is come;

central axis) 4:30 And He said: To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what comparison shall we compare it?

2a) 4:31-32 The third parable of the seed: It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is smaller than all the seeds that are in the earth, 32 but when it is sown, it grows up, and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out great branches; so that the birds of the air may lodge under the shade of it;

2B) 4:33-34 And **WITH MANY SUCH PARABLES HE SPOKE THE WORD TO THEM**, as they were able to hear it. 34 But without a parable He did not speak to them, and when they were alone, He expounded all things to His disciples;

2A) 4:35-41 And the same day, when the evening was come, He said unto them: Let us pass over unto the other side. 36 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. 37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and

the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38 And He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow: and they awoke Him, and said unto Him: Master, do You not care that we perish? 39 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. 40 And He said unto them: Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith? 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another: What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?