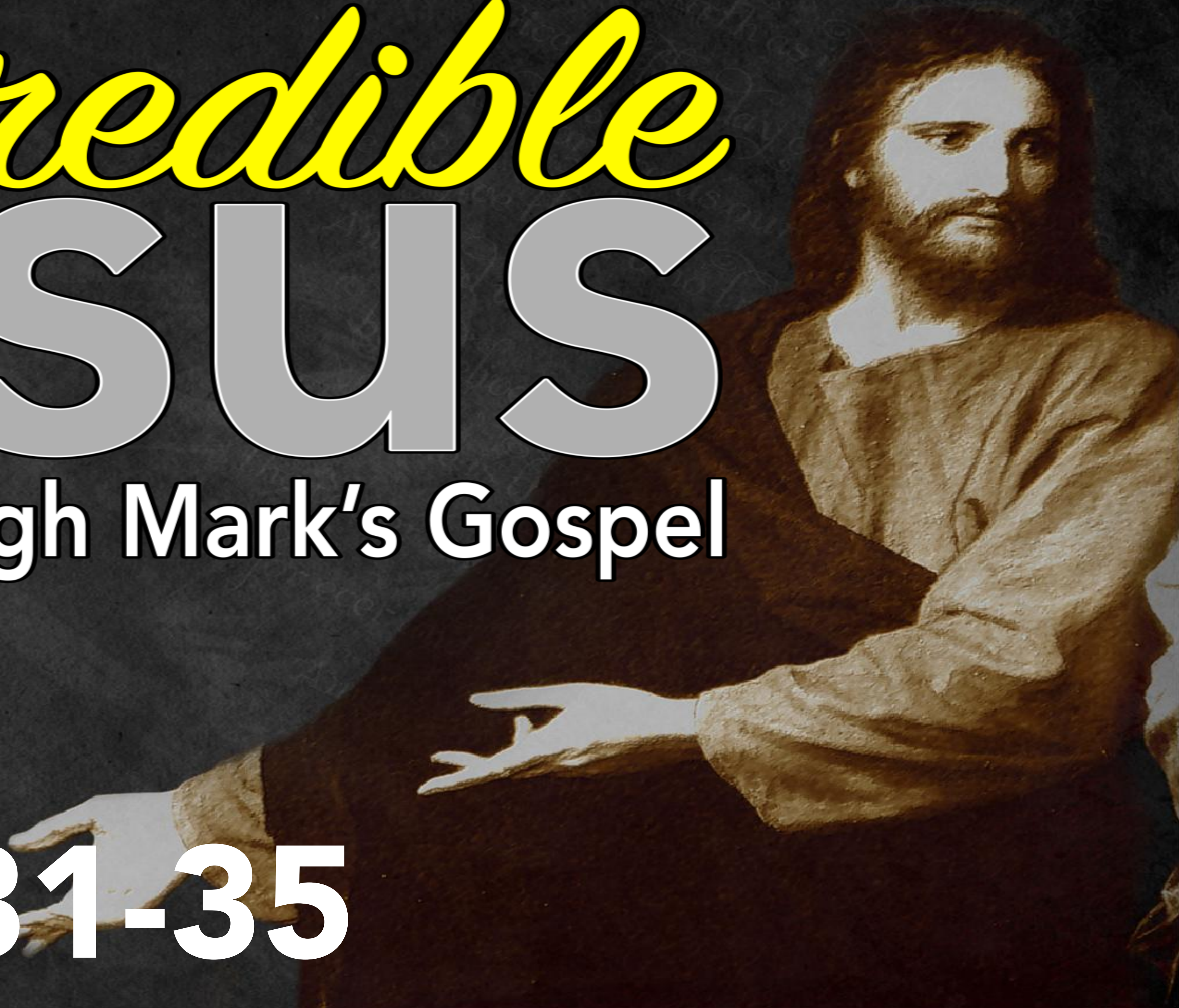


# The *Incredible* Jesus

A Study Through Mark's Gospel

Mark 3:31-35





# **The Servant's Parable Teachings** Mark 4:1-34

## **The Parable Of The Soils (Mark 4:1-20)**

**The Parable:** A sower throws seed all around him, and it falls on different types of ground. The birds eat the seed on the path. The rocky ground gives no place for roots. The thorny ground chokes the plants. The good ground gave forth good fruit.

**What It Means:** Jesus's teachings (seed) are not the issue...the hearts (soil) are. Good hearts will listen, hear, and obey while the bad hearts will reject time and time again.



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## The Parable Of Light (Mark 4:21-25)

**The Parable:** Jesus speaks of the purpose of a light. It is not used to put under a basket or to hide under a bed. Instead, it is used to expose that which is hidden in darkness.

**What It Means:** Jesus's words (light) will reveal the true nature of the hearts of those who hear His teachings. Those who refuse to listen will leave while those who stay are desiring to hear more.



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## The Parable Of Growth (Mark 4:26-29)

**The Parable:** A farmer throws some seed on the ground, and then proceeds to leave it alone. The seed goes through its growth process, apart from the man's efforts, and eventually he is able to harvest the mature crop.

**What It Means:** The process of the Gospel taking root in the lives of men and women is just that...a process. It is the message of the Gospel and Jesus that changes hearts & lives. We have no power in & of ourselves.



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## **The Parable Of The Mustard Seed (Mark 4:30-32)**

**The Parable:** A very small mustard seed is sown, and it grows into a very large plant that is able too produce large branches in which the birds of the sky can nest.

**What It Means:** The words of Jesus, which are the foundation and constitution of the kingdom of God, will bring forth great blessings for those who dwell within it. Again, the power is in His words.



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## Application Questions

Do we trust in the power of Jesus's words to be enough to save souls and transform lives?

Are our own hearts in the proper condition to receive the teachings of Jesus so that we ourselves might be transformed?



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*"And He said to them, **"Pay attention to what you hear. By the measure you use, it will be measured to you — and more will be added to you. For whoever has more will be given to him, and whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away."***" (Mark 4:24,26)