

Parables in Mark's Gospel

Choose the false statements from the following and rewrite them to make them true

- 1 The Parable of the Sower (4:1) is an example of an allegorical parable.
- 2 In the explanation of this parable (4:13), the seed represents the Jews.
- 3 Some scholars think that Christians added this explanation later.
- 4 Mark shows that only the disciples understood the meaning of the parables of Jesus.
- 5 Jesus was the first to use parables as a way of getting a message across.
- 6 A parable about seed growth is always about the growth of the Kingdom of God.
- 7 All the parables recorded by Mark are found in other gospels.
- 8 Mustard seeds in the Middle-East are the smallest of all seeds.
- 9 The Parable of the Lamp (4:21) is the only parable in Mark in which there is veiled criticism of the Jewish authorities.
- 10 There is more than one allegorical parable in Mark's Gospel.
- 11 Mark gives more space to the parables rather than to the miracles of Jesus.
- 12 Parables have no meaning for modern-day Christians.
- 13 Jesus explained his parables to the disciples when they were alone.
- 14 The Parable of the Mustard Seed (4:30) is found only in Mark's Gospel.
- 15 Mark records all the miracles of Jesus but only some of the parables.
- 16 In the Parable of the Mustard Seed (4:30) the birds may represent foreigners.
- 17 The Hebrew and Greek word for *foreigner* is often used to mean *gentile*.
- 18 In the Parable of the Seed Growing by Itself (4:26), the farmer represents God.
- 19 The word *parable* comes from the Greek for *putting side by side*.
- 20 Parables are found only in the New Testament.
- 21 Mark records that Jesus explained the meaning of his parables to the gathered crowds.
- 22 Chapter 4 of St Mark's Gospel contains more examples of parables than any other chapter.

Answers:

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