

JC Ryle on Mark 4: The Good Soil

Last week Pastor Ben quoted a selection of JC Ryle quotes in his sermon. JC Ryle was an Evangelical Anglican bishop in the UK during the 1800's. His teaching and preaching have had lasting impact on generations of ministers ever since.

When it came to the truths of the gospel he was devastatingly clear. Here is a long quote from his commentary on Mark 4 concerning the good soil. Let us test our hearts and pray we would respond rightly to Jesus' teaching in the gospels.

We are taught, in the last place, that there are some hearers of the Gospel, whose hearts are like the good ground in a field.

These are they who really receive Christ's truth into the bottom of their hearts, believe it implicitly, and obey it thoroughly. In these the fruits of that truth will be seen—uniform, plain, and unmistakable results in heart and life. SIN will be truly hated, mourned over, resisted, and renounced. CHRIST will be truly loved, trusted in, followed, loved, and obeyed. HOLINESS will show itself in all their life, in humility, spiritual-mindedness, patience, meekness, and charity. There will be something that can be seen. The true work of the Holy Spirit cannot be hidden.

There will always be some people in this state of soul, where the Gospel is faithfully preached. Their numbers may very likely be few, compared to the worldly around them. Their experience and degree of spiritual attainment may differ widely, some bringing forth thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred-fold. But the fruit of the seed falling into good ground will always be of the same kind. There will always be visible repentance, visible faith in Christ, and visible holiness of life. Without these things, there is no saving religion.

And now let us ask ourselves, "What are we?" "Under which class of hearers ought we to be ranked?" "With what kind of hearts do we hear the word?" Never, never may we forget, that there are three ways of hearing without profit, and only one way of hearing aright! Never, never may we forget that there is only one infallible mark of being a right-hearted hearer! That mark is to bear fruit. To be without fruit, is to be in the way to hell.



24 March 2019 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: Gospel of Mark—The Great King Meets Our Great Needs

In our passage today, the great King saves people in great desperation, but amazingly, faith is not guaranteed. On our part we are to respond with genuine faith and find peace as we marvel at the great King who saves all-powerfully..

Next Week: Gospel of Mark—Mark 6:6b-6:52



Today's Service

Welcome and Singing	You Alone Can Rescue No Other Name Your Words Of Life
Holy Communion	
Offering	
Community News	
Bible Reading	Mark 4:35-6:6a
Sermon	By Pastor Ben Ho
Song of Response	In Christ Alone

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Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$6,496.13
Weekly Required	\$5,750.00
Shortfall 2019	\$0.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name: SLE Church
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 084-424
A/C No: 396558544

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Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD THAT JESUS ENSURES HIS WORD WILL BE HEARD AND BELIEVED! Praise God that the One who gives His seed growth is the first One who preached it. Praise God that He has been at work within us to respond.

PRAY THAT OUR LIVES WOULD BE rooted deeply in faith to persevere under trial, and free from the cares and desires of this world that our faith would not be eventually choked. Pray for discernment for self-reflection, and for profound love to call those who are wayward to repent.

PRAISE GOD FOR GRUNT! Praise God for the high turnout. Pray that the challenge to embrace Biblical masculinity and headship will be taken up by the men of SLE Church.

PRAY FOR BLOOM'S TITUS 2 TIME. Praise God that we have these avenues for the men and women of our church to meet cross-generationally. Pray that the women attending would be helpfully encouraged to live out biblical womanhood.

PRAY FOR OUR WORLD as it continues to wrestle with the place of religion in society. Pray that God would pour out His common grace on our world leaders to promote understanding, dialogue, and peace. Continue to pray for Muslims who may fear for their safety as they gather. Pray especially that God would keep drawing all people to Him through His Son.

Community News

BLOOM 'TITUS 2 TIME' SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS | SATURDAY 30 MARCH | 2-4PM FOR AFTERNOON TEA | HELD AT VARIOUS HOMES

Registration for Bloom Titus 2 Time this Saturday 30 March is over. We are thankful for the 90 ladies who have registered to turn up. If you still would like to come, we will try to accommodate you. Please email Eilen at Juliet.es@gmail.com.

Serving

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Josh	Bryan
Preach	Ps Ben	Ps Steven
Bible Read	Chi <i>Dan Lowe</i>	Andrew <i>Ben/Steven</i>
M.Tea	Cecilia Yee Lin	Muriel Annie
Wash Up	Saturday YF	Clay
Welcome	Ken Steph Amy <i>Marcus</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Mildred</i>	Ken Steph Amy <i>Marcus</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Mildred</i>
Stewards	Richard Alvin Norman <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Stanley</i> <i>Helen</i>	Richard Alvin Norman <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Stanley</i> <i>Helen</i>
Piano	Dan Lowe	Liesl
Guitar	Shao Peng	Mark
Bass	Aaron	Ethan
Drums	John	Nigel
Vocal	Shaun/ Amanda	Hui Ming/ Joachim
PA	Matt Tao <i>Jowin</i>	William <i>Chris</i>

The Gospel of Mark—Kingdom Insiders and Outsiders

[Mark 3:7–4:34]

1. Introduction: the problem of smallness

2. The Great Storm (4:35-41)

A. The impossible problem

B. The all-powerful King

C. The problem of faith

3. The Uncontrollable Bondage (5:1-20)

A. The impossible problem

B. The all-powerful King

C. The problem of faith

4. The Unstoppable Bleed (5:25-34)

A. The impossible problem

B. The all-powerful King

C. The problem of faith

5. The Irreversible Death (5:21-24. 5:35-6:6a)

A. The impossible problem

B. The all-powerful King

C. The problem of faith

6. Implications

A. Do we have a smallness problem?

B. Do we have a greatness problem?

C. Do we have a faith problem?