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Mark 4:33

**With many similar
parables Jesus spoke the
word to them**

**Why did
Jesus talk
in Parables?**

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The problem with the parables

1. they didn't work

Mark 4:10

When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables.

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The problem with the parables

1. they didn't work

Mark 4:34

He did not say anything to them without using a parable.
But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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The problem with the parables

2. they suggest Jesus is deliberately
being unclear

Mark 4:10-12

When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that, ““they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!””

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The problem with the parables

3. only some people have the “right” ears !

Mark 4:9

Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

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2 Corinthians 12:10

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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**The PROBLEM
of the parables
becomes the
POWER of the
parables**

The power of the parables

is to produce life-changing faith

if investment is made

Mark 4:8

Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.

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Mark 10:28

Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

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