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Topic: **Life of Christ: Twofold Purpose of God's Truth**

Scripture Text: Mark 4: 10-13

1. In creation, God reveals Himself to man in general revelation. In the Bible, God reveals to men His special revelation. This is clearly taught in Rom 1 & 2. The special revelation in God's Word will either condemn man of their sins or save them from their sins.
2. In Mark 4:10-13, the Lord Jesus taught in parables to cause the people to understand the Kingdom of God so that they will have true salvation in Him. The Lord Jesus does not want the people to follow Him with a wrong motive for food or to be healed. In fact, many of the multitudes left Jesus after He taught them in parables.
3. The Lord Jesus told the disciples that the first purpose of God's Truth is for them to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God. This mystery is no more a mystery as the Lord Jesus reveals to them now that He is the Messiah, the Saviour of the world. To know Christ must be an experiential knowledge to know His Word and to have a transformed life to live for Christ.
4. The second purpose of God's Truth is a condemnation to unbelievers who listen to God's Word and yet reject it. They can see and yet will not accept the truth. They hear the truth and yet will not believe it.
5. It is foolish to perform the externals of religion and try to fool men that we are Christians. We cannot fool God who knows our heart. Let us be truly a genuine Christian who sincerely believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and obey and follow Him all our lives.