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Texts:

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35. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”

Mark 4:33, 34, With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Commentary:

Jesus Spoke in Parables

Matthew 13:34, 35, Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”

I. The first four parables recorded in this chapter to this point had been presented to the multitudes.

A. At this time Jesus went into a house where he explained to the disciples the meaning of the parable of the tares and other related parables.

B. Psalm 78:2, I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old –

II. Jesus revealed to the sincere members of his audience all they could understand in view of their backgrounds and relationships to his ministry.

Mark 4:33, 34, With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

I. Jesus spoke at this time to the multitude only in parables and explained them to his closest followers.

II. Jesus spoke only what his hearers could understand. None of us can understand all the wonders of the Bible and of the world to come.

III. Jesus has told us what we need to know and can handle/manage.

IV. Luke 24:32, They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

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Questions

1. Jesus spoke all these things to the _____ in _____; he did not say anything to them without using a _____.

2. Why was this Jesus' method of teaching? _____

3. This fulfilled what was spoken through the _____: "I will open my _____ in _____, I will utter things _____ since the _____ of the _____."

4. Jesus spoke the _____ to them, as much as they could _____. When he was _____ with his own _____, he explained _____.

5. Is it easy to understand the Bible? ... even to pronounce all the words in the Bible? _____

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