

Greek Readings
Series B, Proper 6
Mark 4:26-34

• **Verse 26**

- Parse ἔλεγεν. _____ . Why is the imperfect used in this instance (See Wallace, 542)? _____ .
- Βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ (Mk 1:15; 4:11, 26, 30; 9:1,47; 10:14-15,23-25; 12:34; 14:25; 15:43). How is the “Kingdom of God” depicted in Mark’s gospel? What common characteristics appear? Summarize. _____ .
_____ .
- Who is the ἀνθρωπος? _____ . What is the γῆ? _____ .
- What is the usage of the preposition ἐπί? _____ . Is this conveying spatial position or extension? _____ .
- What does σπόρος –ου, m. mean in Mark’s gospel? (BDAG 2, p. 939) _____ .
_____ .

• **Verse 27**

- νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν. What is the function of the accusative here? _____ . Is this distributive or durative? _____ .
- Parse βλαστᾷ. _____ . What is the meaning of this word (BDAG p. 142, 2)?
_____ .
- What is the significance of the phrase ώς οὐκ οἶδεν αὐτός? _____ .
_____ .

• **Verse 28**

- What part of speech is αὐτομάτῃ? _____ . What meaning does it have? (see BDAG, p 152) _____ .
- What two things here bear fruit? _____ . What is that fruit? _____ .
- Evaluate the text critical options for πλήρη[ς] σῖτον. _____ .
- What is the theological significance of the initial appearances of unproductiveness (first blade, then ear, then grain)? _____ .

• **Verse 29**

- Parse παραδοῖ. _____ . What are the implications of combining this verb with ἀποστέλλω in the same verse? _____ .
- In what way does the man send the sickle (δρέπανον)? _____ .
- What are the 2 questions to ask of a ὅτι clause to see if it is declarative or causal? _____ . Which is this clause? (Wallace 460-1)
_____ .
- What is the harvest (θερισμός)? (See Isaiah 17:5-6, Mark 4:12) _____ .
- How do v. 26-29 relate to Isaiah 55:10-11? _____ .
_____ .

• **Verse 30**

- Parse ὁμοιώσωμεν. _____ . Why is the 1 plural significant?
_____ .
- Parse θῶμεν. _____ .

• **Verse 31**

- Parse σπαρῇ. _____ .
- What is the theological significance of “smaller than all the seeds of the earth”? _____ .

- Translate the options for this genitive of comparison (μικρότερον) in this verse (Wallace 300-1). _____.
- What is the γῆ in this parable? _____.
- How does this verse relate to the disciples' own call (1:16-20)? _____.
- ὄν is a present active participle. What verb is it from? _____. Parse the rest: _____.
- **Verse 32**
 - Give the BDAG entry for λάχανον. _____.
 - Parse δύνασθαι. _____.
 - How do Ezekiel 17:23 and 31:1-9 relate to verses 30-32? (Voelz, Concordia Commentary, 322-3) _____.
 - How does this verse explain the worldwide mission of God, as compared to other religions? _____.
- **Verse 33**
 - What is the theological significance of “many such parables”? _____.
 - What is the semantic range of παραβόλη in Mark? (Voelz, CC, 35) _____.
 - ἐλάλει. Is this habitual or general use of the customary imperfect? (Wallace 548) _____.
 - Parse ἡδύναντο. _____.
 - What is the theological significance of καθὼς ἡδύναντο ἀκούειν? _____.

What might it mean for you, here, as you preach God’s Word in the ministry? _____.
- **Verse 34**
 - Parse ἐπέλυνεν. _____. Give the BDAG entry. _____.
 - In light of 4:11-12, how are we to understand 4:33-34? _____.

Integration of Meaning

Come up with a sermon title and two to three supporting points.