



Concealed and Revealed

Key idea:

Jesus is the Lamp Who came to reveal what was concealed, and how we respond to His Word now determines our future destiny.

Key text:

Mark 4:21-25

He said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand? ²² For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” ²⁴ “Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you — and even more. ²⁵ Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.”

Key points:

1. Jesus is the fulfillment of the covenant promise and expectation for the Lamp of David, the Light of the World, to come to bring God’s revelation and glory.
2. For most of His earthly life, Jesus’ glory and power were concealed, but He came not to conceal but to reveal the glory and power of God and in the resurrection the veil was removed and His Power and glory were revealed for all to see!
3. Jesus is revealing the concealed things in our hearts even now, and all will be revealed at His return and the final judgment.
4. Jesus has come to reveal everything and it is essential that we hear and receive His Word now, for our present response determines our future destiny.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?

2. How did it affect me when I realized that Jesus speaks of a lamp coming on its own rather than being brought by someone else? How did this change my understanding of the parable?
3. How do I feel when I think someone is uncovering a secret I tried to hide? What is my first response?
4. How can I embrace Jesus' ability to uncover the secrets of my heart without being fearful or ashamed?
5. How do I picture judgment day? Does it produce fear? Shame? Joy? Expectation? Why? How should I think about it as a Christian?
6. Why does my response to God's Word today have such an effect on my ability to hear and respond to it in the future?
7. How can I grow in my ability to heal and receive Jesus' Word as His follower?
8. Who will I call or see to invite to gather with the church this week?