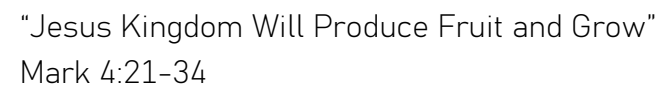
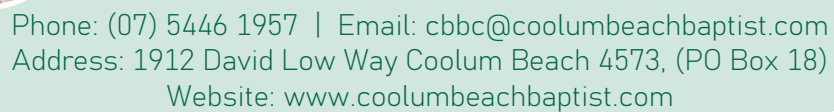


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## Thought for the Week

### WHY DID JESUS SPEAK IN PARABLES?

From this point on in Jesus' ministry, when He spoke in parables, He explained them only to His disciples. But those who had continually rejected His message were left in their spiritual blindness to wonder as to His meaning. He made a clear distinction between those who had been given "ears to hear" and those who persisted in unbelief—ever hearing, but never actually perceiving and "always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7). The disciples had been given the gift of spiritual discernment by which things of the spirit were made clear to them. Because they accepted truth from Jesus, they were given more and more truth. The same is true today of believers who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit who guides us into all truth (John 16:13). He has opened our eyes to the light of truth and our ears to the sweet words of eternal life.

Our Lord Jesus understood that truth is not sweet music to all ears. Simply put, there are those who have neither interest in nor regard for the deep things of God. So why, then, did He speak in parables? To those with a genuine hunger for God, the parable is both an effective and memorable vehicle for the conveyance of divine truths. Our Lord's parables contain great volumes of truth in very few words—and His parables, rich in imagery, are not easily forgotten. So, then, the parable is a blessing to those with willing ears. But to those with dull hearts and ears that are slow to hear, the parable is also an instrument of both judgment and mercy.

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## Prayer Points

Pray for those in our church family who are unwell: Len C & Mal R

Pray that we will not respond to the gospel with unbelief, short term joy that falls away, or a response choked by worries, wealth or desires. (Mark 4:1-20)

Pray for John and Margaret Beaumont in PNG, as they finished recording their newly revised New Testament and prepare it to be available on smart phones

Pray for SOS, that seniors in our church would experience encouraging friendships, and find many opportunities to spur each other on in faith and trust in Jesus

"Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word. I know, O Lord, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me." (Psalm 119:74-75)

## What's on?

### MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

### TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

### WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

7PM Alpha

### THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

### FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

4PM Kids Ignite

## Birthdays

15th Chris Hampton, Esma  
Van Schalkwyk &  
Alan Sinclair

18th Jesus Gil & Lorraine  
O'Keefe  
20th Moira Perumal

## THANKS

Brendan Jones would like to thank everyone for being so easy to work with while he was managing the carparking for the Music Festival last Sunday!



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact our coordinator  
Beth Pfeffer : 0449 584 284

## CHURCH EMAIL LIST:

If you would like to be added to the church email list to receive weekly updates, please add your name and email to the list in the foyer, or email [cbbc@coolumbeachbaptist.com](mailto:cbbc@coolumbeachbaptist.com) and ask to be added to the list

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is approaching fast, so men, put this one in your calendars. 27th September, and will be held in the church hall. Sign-on sheet in the foyer, \$10 per person.

## FRIENDS OF ISRAEL EVENT

Colin Lituri will be speaking at Coolum Christian Family Church on the topic "Why Israel Matters To The Church" on Sunday, 21st September at 5.00pm. You and your friends are invited to attend.

## SOS OUTING: CALOUNDRA AIR MUSEUM

Thursday October 9th 10am , \$18 per person, followed by fish & chips at the Mooloolaba Spit. More details available at church this Sunday.

