

Journey: The Shallow Hearted



Mark 4:1-4

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. ² He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: ³ "LISTEN!" A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell **along the path** and the birds came and ate it up.

Mark 4:5-6

⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

Mark 4:17

17 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.



Some People Will Have Shallow Hearts

- *Come and see.*
- *Come and follow.*



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Mark 8.34-35

³⁴ [Jesus] called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.”

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- *Come and see.*
- *Come and follow.*
- *“Come and follow” will bring trouble.*
- *Trouble has a job to do.*



Some People Will Have Shallow Hearts

1 Peter 1.6

*⁶ In this you **GREATLY REJOICE**, though now for a little while you may have **HAD TO** suffer **GRIEF in ALL KINDS** of trials.*

Some People Will Have Shallow Hearts

1 Peter 1.7

*⁷ These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though **refined** by fire—**may be proved genuine** and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*



Expect Trouble Sooner or Later

- *At the center of Christianity, Jesus is the precious image of suffering.*
- *Trouble is painful and disorienting.*

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Jude 22

And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering.

