

Mark 4:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

Analysis

Jesus declares universal principle: 'For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.' All hidden things will eventually be revealed. This applies multiple ways:

1. Kingdom mysteries now veiled will be unveiled
2. Secret sins will be exposed in judgment
3. Gospel truth, though rejected now, will be vindicated.

The double negative 'nothing...not' (οὐ...οὐ) emphasizes absoluteness. The purpose clause 'but that it should come abroad' (ἀλλ' ἵνα...ξέλθῃ εἰς φανερόν) indicates God intends revelation, not permanent concealment. Parables temporarily veil truth from hard hearts, but ultimate purpose is revelation.

Historical Context

This principle echoes throughout Scripture: God sees in secret and will reward openly (Matthew 6:4, 6, 18); nothing is covered that won't be revealed (Matthew 10:26; Luke 12:2); all will be manifest in judgment (Romans 2:16; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Hebrews 4:13). Jesus spoke this in context of parable teaching—mysteries veiled now will be unveiled. Early church trusted that persecuted truth would eventually triumph. Church history vindicates this: heresies eventually exposed, gospel truth prevails despite opposition, final judgment will reveal all secrets.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does knowing all secrets will be revealed affect your private thoughts and actions?
2. What hidden truths about Christ do you need to bring into the light through witness?
3. How does this principle encourage faithfulness when truth is currently rejected or opposed?

Interlinear Text

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neither	any thing kept	secret	but	that	abroad			G5318
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 8:17 (Parallel theme): For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 (Parallel theme): For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Acts 4:20 (Parallel theme): For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 20:27 (Parallel theme): For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (Parallel theme): Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

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