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# DAILY READING

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## 2025 NEW TESTAMENT READING MARK 1:1-28

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL READING PLAN

#### MATTHEW 13:10-15

#### WHY JESUS USED PARABLES

**13** <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples came up and asked him, “Why are you speaking to them in parables?”

<sup>11</sup> He answered, “Because the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been given for you to know, but it has not been given to them. <sup>12</sup> For whoever has, more will be given to him, and he will have more than enough; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. <sup>13</sup> That is why I speak to them in parables, because looking they do not see, and hearing they do not listen or understand. <sup>14</sup> Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

**You will listen and listen,  
but never understand;  
you will look and look,  
but never perceive.**

**<sup>15</sup> For this people’s heart has grown callous;  
their ears are hard of hearing,  
and they have shut their eyes;  
otherwise they might see with their eyes,  
and hear with their ears, and  
understand with their hearts,  
and turn back—  
and I would heal them.**