

Jesus

Who is This Guy?

Learn about Him
to Live like Him



JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

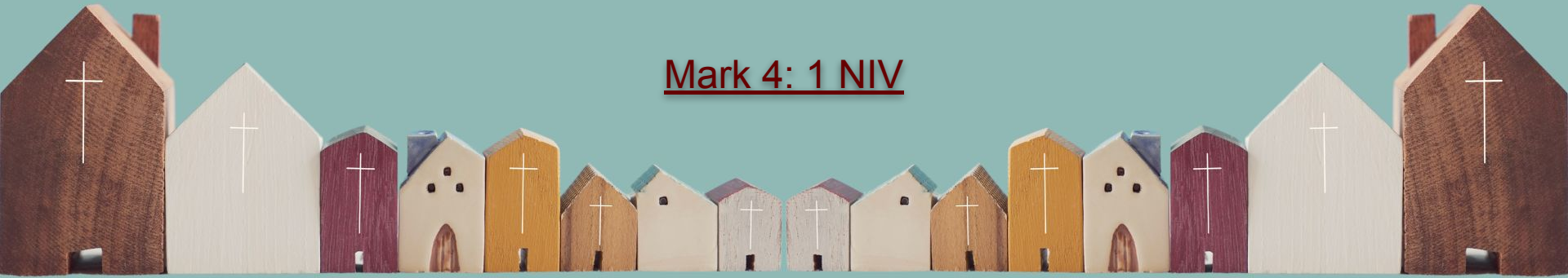
Punchline

It's about the sower not the soil



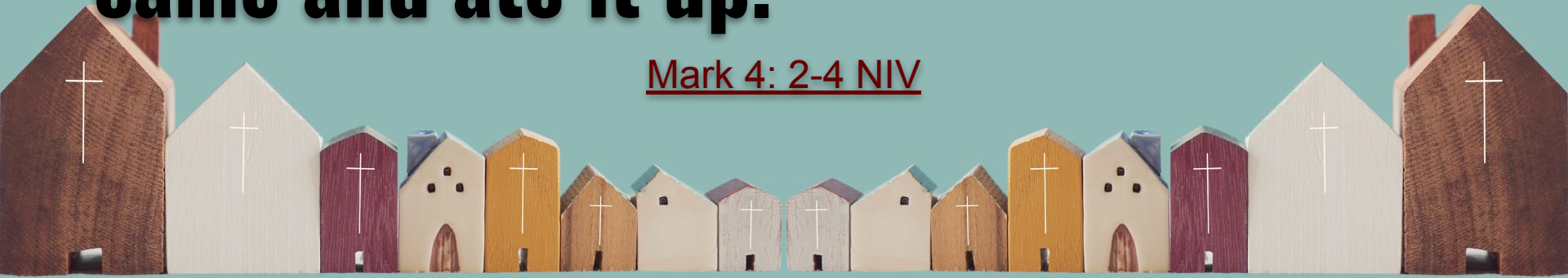
Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge.

Mark 4: 1 NIV



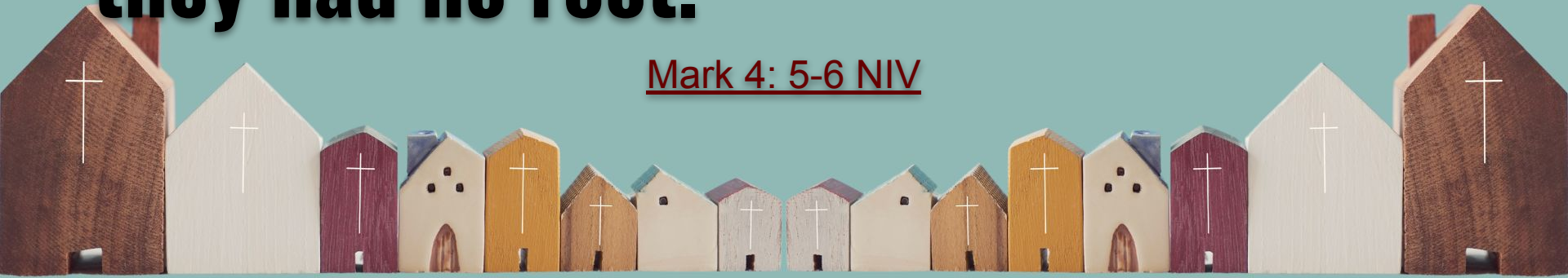
He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

Mark 4: 2-4 NIV



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

Mark 4: 5-6 NIV



Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.” Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.

Mark 4: 7-9 NIV



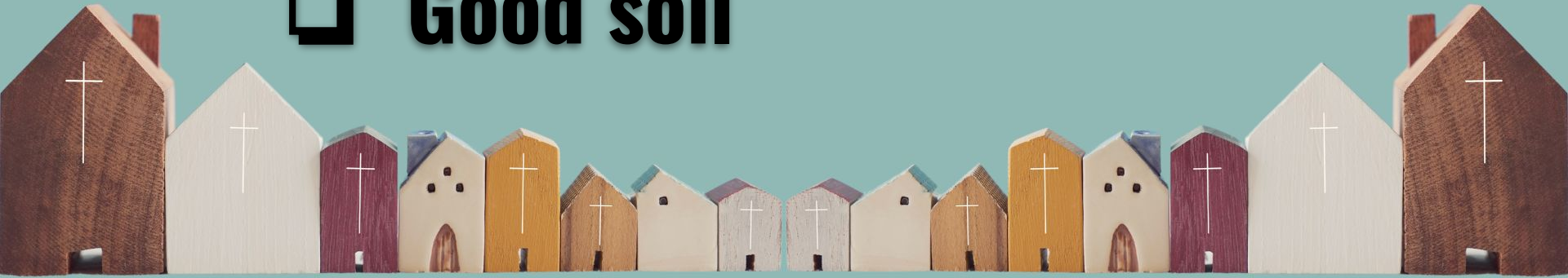
The Parable

- ❑ **Metaphors using anything to draw in the person listening**
- ❑ **Seed is scattered on different surfaces**



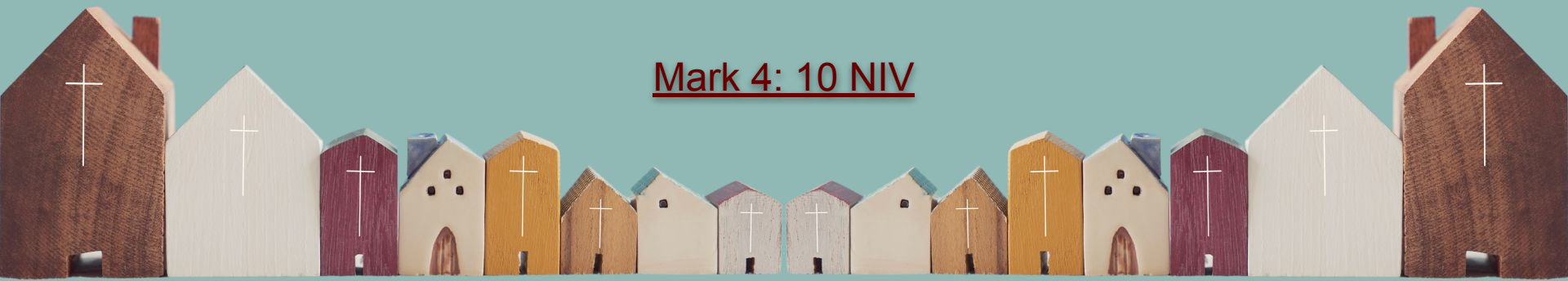
The Parable - Where the Seed Was Scattered

- ❑ A Path
- ❑ Rocky Places
- ❑ Thorns
- ❑ Good soil



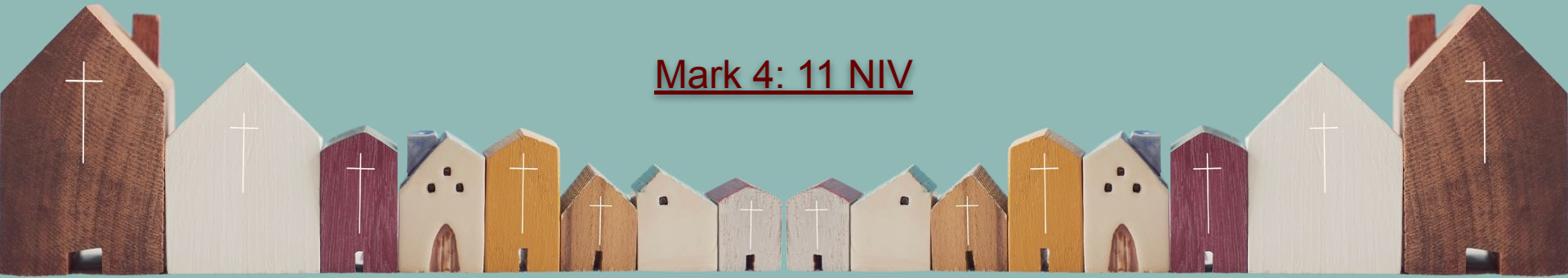
When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables.

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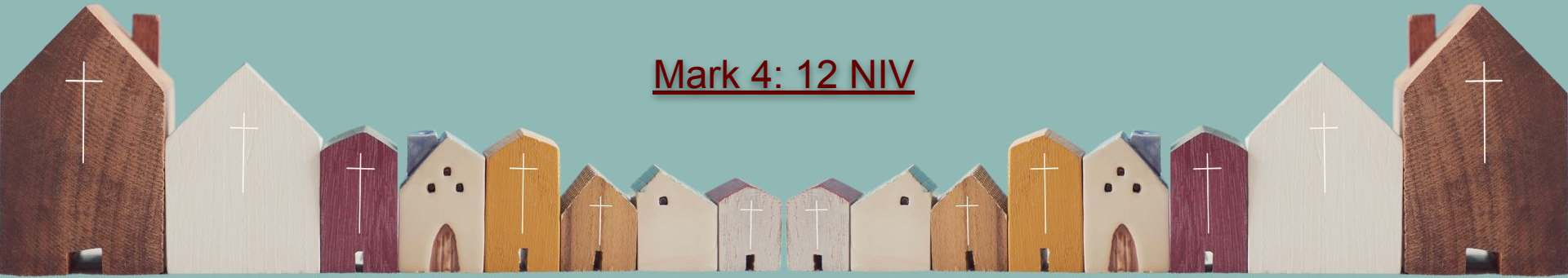
He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables

Mark 4: 11 NIV



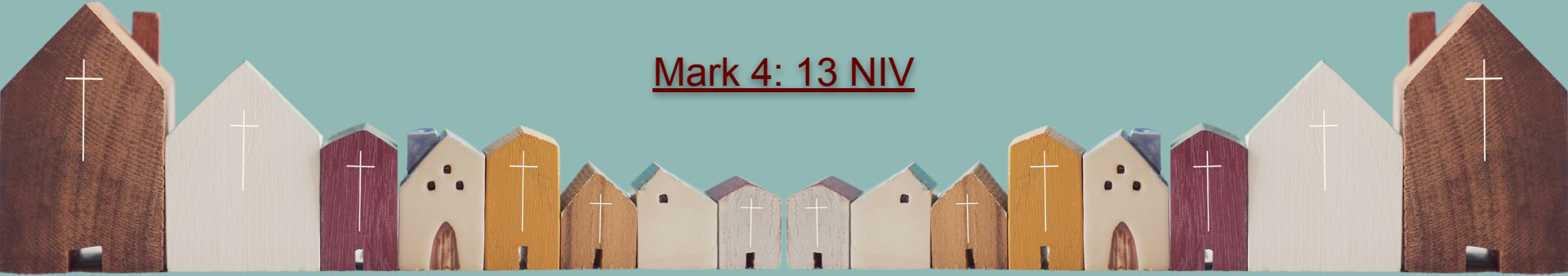
So that, “they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!”

Mark 4: 12 NIV



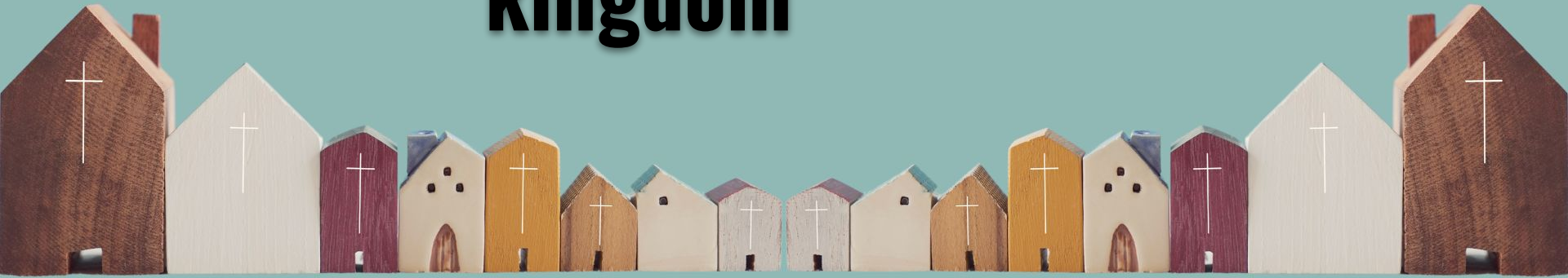
Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?”

Mark 4: 13 NIV



The Question

- ❑ The “secret” is more like a mystery the disciples have been clued in on
- ❑ Jesus is bringing a new kingdom



The Question

- ❑ Those that believe should understand
- ❑ Those that don't will be confused
 - ❑ Not forever but until they believe





Don't Miss the Mystery

- ❑ Type of leadership
 - ❑ Jesus came as servant leader
- ❑ Everyone matters
 - ❑ In need
 - ❑ Don't seem like they need



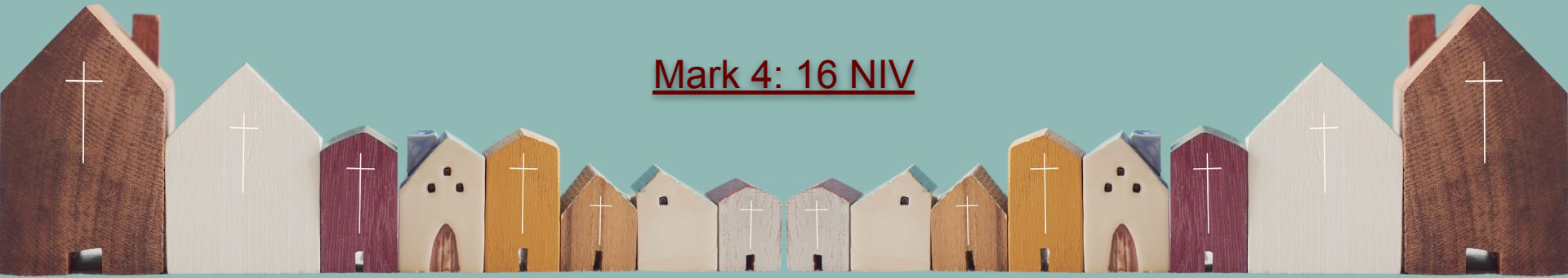
The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.

Mark 4: 14-15 NIV



**Others, like seed sown on rocky places,
hear the word and at once receive it with
joy.**

Mark 4: 16 NIV



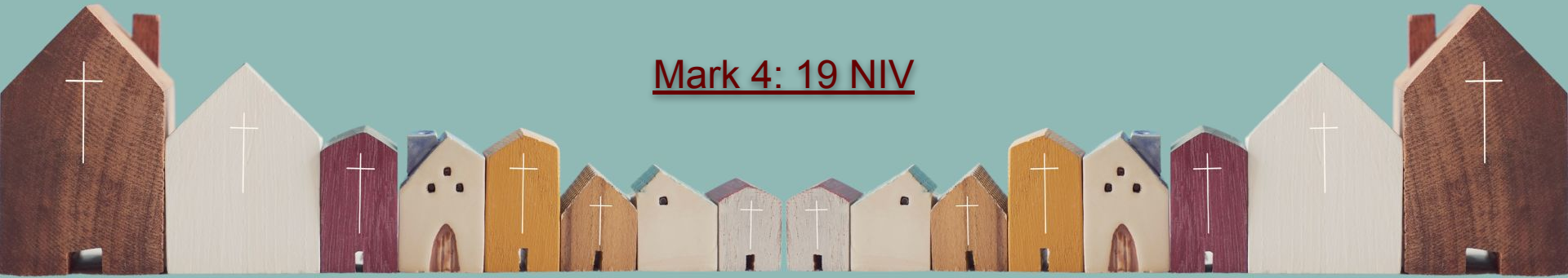
But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word;

Mark 4: 17-18 NIV



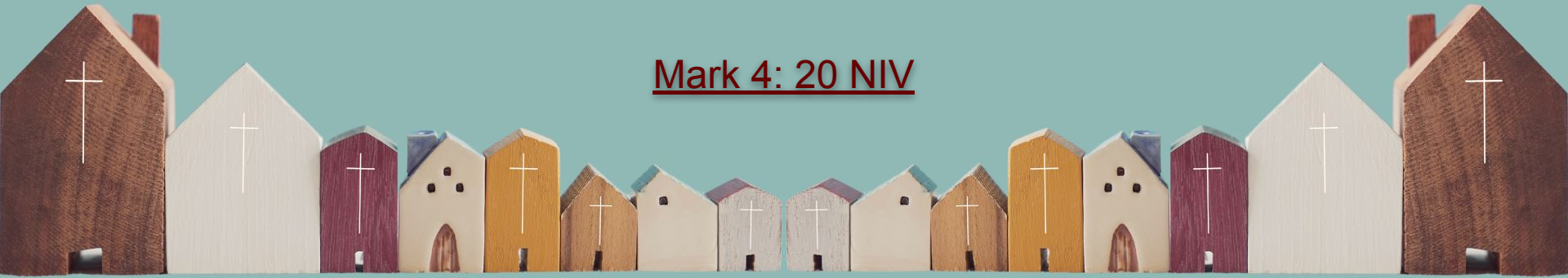
But the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Mark 4: 19 NIV



Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”

Mark 4: 20 NIV



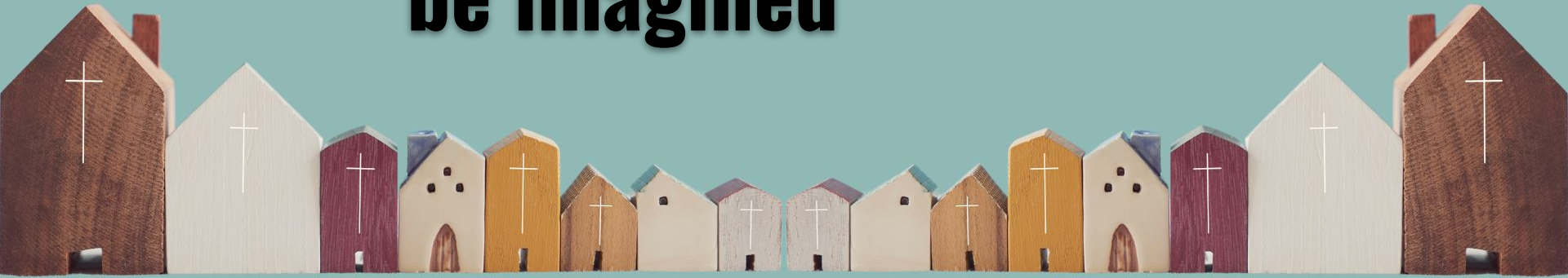
The Explanation

- ❑ **Seed = word of God**
- ❑ **Satan = birds that take seed**
- ❑ **Rocky seed = hear the word, receive it, have no depth**



The Explanation

- ❑ **Thorns = receive the Word, but it becomes ineffective**
- ❑ **Good soil = strong roots and produces more fruit than could be imagined**



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God Isn't Wasteful

- ❑ His seed might get taken
- ❑ People might buy the hype but sell the bite
- ❑ Word might be rendered ineffective





**CHOOSE YOUR OWN
ADVENTURE**

Be the Seed Not Just the Soil

- ❑ Go where God sends you**
- ❑ Be where God puts you**
- ❑ Missionaries and trips aren't the only seeds**
 - ❑ Needed in schools, shelters, businesses and capitol**



Remember the Sower

- ❑ **Don't miss the mystery**
- ❑ **The sower isn't wasteful**
- ❑ **Be the seed**
- ❑ **Focus on the sower not just the soil**

