

The Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31-32

(series #78)

Introduction: The mystery form of the kingdom

- 1) It is a spiritual kingdom of believers - Col. 1:13
- 2) There are various responses to its message
- Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23
- 3) In its present, earthly form it has unbelievers
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

I. The Parable vv. 31-32

- A. The mustard seed was the smallest seed planted in ancient Palestine
- B. It could grow into a bush or “tree” 15 ft. tall

II. The Meaning

- A. The kingdom began small - in a manger
- B. It has grown immensely
- C. It even includes non Jews - Eph. 2:11-18
 1. We were “without”
 - a. Christ
 - b. Citizenship
 - c. Covenants of promise
 - d. Hope
 - e. God
 2. But now have been brought near

Conclusion: The kingdom is worldwide, but not all who appear to be in it really are