

# The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Mark 4:30-34

(series #20)

**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  
- Mark 4:3-9, 14-20
- 3) In its present, earthly form it has unbelievers  
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## I. The Parable vv. 30-32

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

## 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

## III. The Setting vv. 33-34

**Conclusion:** Are you in the kingdom?