

Series: Goodnews
Passage: Mark 4:30-34
Weekend of June 13-14, 2026

Mark 4:30-34 (ESV)

30 And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? **31** It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, **32** yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” **33** With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. **34** He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

1. Do some research on the size of a mustard seed and how big it grows. What does it grow into?
2. What is the significance to the Kingdom of God starting as a mustard seed and growing into a large plant? What does Jesus want us to know about the Kingdom from this information?
3. How long does it take a mustard seed to transform into a large plant? What does this mean as Jesus is speaking about the Kingdom?
4. Observing verse 32, how does Psalm 1:3 bleed into the concept of a flourishing tree?

