

The Parable of the Growing Seed: The Growth of Believers

Mark 04: 26–29

<p>1. <i>The parable:</i> <i>Describes the kingdom</i></p> <p>2. <i>The seed is sown by a man</i></p> <p>3. <i>The growth is not of man</i></p> <p>4. <i>The growth is sure and constant, but gradual</i></p> <p>5. <i>The growth is consummated and harvested</i></p>	<p>26 He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.</p> <p>27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.</p> <p>28 All by itself the soil produces grain – first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.</p> <p>29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”</p>
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The Parable of the Mustard Seed: The Growth of God’s Kingdom

Mark 04: 30–32

(Mt. 13:31-32; see Lk. 13:18-19)

<p>1. <i>The parable describes the kingdom</i></p> <p>2. <i>The seed is sown</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. It is sown in the ground</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. It is the smallest of all seeds</p> <p>3. <i>The seed does grow</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. The reason: It is sown</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. The result: It is larger than all the plants</p> <p>4. <i>The birds do nest under its shade</i></p>	<p>30 Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?</p> <p>31 It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground.</p> <p>32 Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.”</p>
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The Use of Parables by Jesus: Why Christ Used Illustrations
Mark 04: 33-34

(Mt. 13:34-35)

1. *To illustrate the Word*

2. *To teach step by step*

3. *To enforce the lesson in private*

33 With many similar parables

Jesus spoke the word to them,
as much as they could understand.

34 He did not say anything to them
without using a parable.

But when he was alone
with his own disciples,
he explained everything.