

# KINGDOM PARABLES

MARK 4:21-34

**Introduction:**

**"And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?"**

**(Mark 4:13)**

**I. Don't Hide the Light.**

**Mark 4:21 And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?**

**Mark 4:22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.**

**II. Be Careful How You Listen.**

**Mark 4:23 If any man have  
ears to hear, let him hear.**

**Mark 4:24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.**

**Mark 4:25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.**

# III. The Mystery of Growth.

**Mark 4:26 And he said, So is  
the kingdom of God, as if a  
man should cast seed into the  
ground;**

**Mark 4:27 And should sleep,  
and rise night and day, and the  
seed should spring and grow  
up, he knoweth not how.**

**Mark 4:28 For the earth  
bringeth forth fruit of herself;  
first the blade, then the ear,  
after that the full corn in the  
ear.**

**Mark 4:29** But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

# IV. The Mustard Plant.

**Mark 4:30 And he said,  
Whereunto shall we liken the  
kingdom of God? or with what  
comparison shall we compare  
it?**

**Mark 4:31** It is like a grain of  
mustard seed, which, when it is  
sown in the earth, is less than  
all the seeds that be in the  
earth:

**Mark 4:32 But when it is sown,  
it groweth up, and becometh  
greater than all herbs, and  
shooteth out great branches;  
so that the fowls of the air may  
lodge under the shadow of it.**



**What do the “Fowls of the air”  
represent?**

**"And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up." (Mark 4:4)**

**"And these are they by the way  
side, where the word is sown;  
but when they have heard,  
Satan cometh immediately, and  
taketh away the word that was  
sown in their hearts."**

**(Mark 4:15)**

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# V. Conclusion

**Mark 4:33** And with many such  
parables spake he the word  
unto them, as they were able to  
hear it.

**Mark 4:34 But without a  
parable spake he not unto  
them: and when they were  
alone, he expounded all things  
to his disciples.**