

Week 19
January 25, 2009

How 'Bout Some Mustard on That?

The Kingdom Parable of Jesus

Matthew 13:31-32

The seed is sown

The sower and the seed (13:1-23)

The good seed and the bad seed (13:24-30, 36-43)

The seed is “the message about the kingdom.”

The seeds are “the sons of the kingdom.”

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed

About mustard

Small seeds

Both herb and shrub; seasoning and nuisance

Possibly regulated against

Tree potential

A man planted it in his field

The man

The field

The outcome

It grows

It becomes the largest plant in the garden

It becomes a tree

The birds of the air nest in its branches

The meaning

Our “little” message

(John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5)

How it grows

(Ephesians 4:15, 1 Peter 2:2, 2 Peter 3:18)

The largest plant in the garden

(Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8)

To become like a tree
(Psalm 1:3, Proverbs 11:30)

Seasoning the earth
(Matthew 5:13, Mark 9:50)

A bane to some
(John 15:20, Romans 12:14, 1 Corinthians 4:12)

A refuge for others
(2 Corinthians 4 & 5, Ephesians 2:21)

Other resources:

The Mustard Seed Conspiracy, by Tom Sine