



“God’s Kingdom Realities”

Mark 4:21-34 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –In Mark chapter 4, Jesus begins to teach in parables, in order to explain what God’s Kingdom is like.

I. The Parables of God’s Kingdom.

A. Jesus uses five different parables to describe God’s kingdom.

1. The sower and the seed.
2. The lamp.
3. The measure.
4. The single seed.
5. The mustard seed.

B. Why Jesus is teaching in parables.

1. To fulfill Scripture.
2. To reveal things hidden.
3. To help us understand God’s Kingdom.

II. The Principles of God’s Kingdom.

A. Like a LAMP, God’s kingdom reveals things. (4:21-22)

B. Like a MEASURE, listen!. (4:23-25)

1. The promise: He uses our standard on us.

2. The paradox: God’s principles will seem counterintuitive.

3. God’s Kingdom ways are the opposite of the world’s Kingdom.

4. God’s Kingdom is experienced by faith.

5. The warning:

6. The operating principle of God’s Kingdom is grace.

III. The Pictures of God’s Kingdom.

A. The SINGLE SEED. (4:26-29)

1. The single seed’s growth is below the surface.
2. It grows automatically and progressively, by God’s power.

B. The MUSTARD SEED. (4:30-32)

1. It starts out small and insignificant, but grows into a large tree.
2. God’s kingdom is pictures as a great world tree, large enough for birds to find a home.

Conclusion